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2 Điều 10 đề các luật khác không được trái với quy định của Điều 19 cũng như có thể hạn chế để tránh trường hợp Tòa án không từ chối đơn song vẫn để lại ra quyết định đình chỉ giải quyết vụ án. Ngoài ra, nên tách các việc dân sự (thủ tục tố tụng, công nhân an, chi, em nuôi...) ra khỏi quy định này nhằm tập trung giải quyết các vụ án dân sự, tăng thêm tính khả thi của quy định.

Tăng cường hơn các quy định bảo vệ quyền lợi người tiêu dùng
Không khí hội thảo “nóng” lên khi một chuyên gia nước ngoài từ Việt Nam những năm gần đây, nhiều doanh nghiệp kinh doanh bất động sản đã lợi dụng lý do biến động thị trường, giá nguyên vật liệu tăng cao để tăng giá căn hộ bất hợp lý. Các tranh chấp xảy ra thường gây nên những bất lợi cho người mua. Doanh nghiệp kinh doanh bất động sản từ hoàn thiện độ khi chưa giải quyết xong vấn đề “yếu sách” tăng giá, dự án bị đình trệ, vốn của người tiêu dùng bị doanh nghiệp chiếm dụng bất hợp pháp. Bởi vậy, quy định của Dự thảo Bộ luật sửa đổi cho phép Tòa án được xử lý hợp đồng khi các bên không đạt được thỏa thuận là hợp lý, là một “điểm sáng” của Dự thảo.

Có điều, Th.S Võ Phương Đồng (Trường Đại học Luật Hà Nội) cho rằng cần nhìn nhận điều này theo hướng bảo vệ quyền lợi người tiêu dùng bởi nhu cầu điều chỉnh hợp đồng chủ yếu sẽ xuất phát từ nhà sản xuất. Vì thế, cần bổ sung những nguyên tắc khi tiến hành chấm dứt hợp đồng hay hủy bỏ hợp đồng như thêm quy định “Tòa án thực hiện việc chấm dứt hoặc điều chỉnh hợp đồng theo hướng bảo vệ quyền lợi người tiêu dùng”. PGS.TS Nguyễn Thị Huệ (Trường Đại học Luật Hà Nội) tán thành với đề xuất trên: “Nếu không quy định thì sẽ mất không bảo vệ quyền lợi hợp pháp của người tiêu dùng khi ký kết hợp đồng mẫu, nhất là trong lĩnh vực kinh doanh bất động sản”.

Ngược lại, một trong tài viên của Trung tâm Trọng tài quốc tế Việt Nam hạn khoản với đề xuất cho phép Tòa án xử hợp đồng mẫu thì những tranh chấp được giải quyết bằng con đường trọng tài sẽ ra sao bên đã có trường hợp Hội đồng Trọng tài phán quyết bị đơn là một công ty bất động sản lớn thua 3 tỷ đồng dù chỉ sai 3 chữ trong hợp đồng mẫu.

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công chứng cũng đã được trình nghị. Chính phủ xem xét, ban hành theo sự đồng ý của người dân, doanh nghiệp có chuyển quyền lựa chọn công chứng tại các tổ chức hành nghề công chứng đến các

Bộ tư pháp bắt đầu tham gia việc chỉ đạo tại Hà Nội
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AC	Anti-corruption
AD	Administrative decisions
ADB	Asian Development Bank
APCA	Administrative Procedure Control Agency
APD	Academy for Policy Development, MPI
APS	Annual Program Statement
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AWP	Annual Work Plan
BCI	Business Consortium for Innovation
CCRD	Center for Rural Communities Research and Development
CDI	Center for Development and Integration
CDP	Counterpart direct procurement
CEPEW	Centre for Education Promotion and Empowerment of Women
CFAW	Committee for the Advancement of Women
CFBA	Committee on Finance and Budgetary Affairs
CIDA	Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
CIEM	Central Institute for Economic Management
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CPP	Contract Performance Plan
CSIP	Center for Social Innovation Promotion
CSO	Civil society organization
CWT	Combatting wildlife trafficking
DEPOCEN	Development and Policies Research Center
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
DQA	Data quality assessment
DTA	Direct technical assistance
ESTH	Environment, Science, Technology, and Health, US Embassy
EU	European Union
FARA	Fixed-amount Reimbursement Agreement
FTA	Free trade agreement
FPT	VN private ICT company
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GDA	Global Development Alliance
GDT	General Department of Taxation
GDVC	General Department of Vietnam Customs, MOF
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
GIA	Gender Impact Assessment
GIG	Governance for Inclusive Growth
GPARG	Cooperation Group for Governance and Public Administration Reform
GSO	General Statistics Office, MPI
GUC	Grant under contract
GVN	Government of Vietnam
HCMC	Hi Chi Minh City
HLU	Hanoi Law University
HNEW	Hanoi Association of Women Entrepreneurs
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IIE	Institute for International Education
ILO	International Labour Organisation

iSee	Institute for Studies of Society, Economics, and Environment
ISS	Instant Support System
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KRA	Key Result Area
LAI	Law on Access to Information
LANDA	Land Alliance
LERES	Center for legal research and Services
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender
LND	Legal Normative Document
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MARD	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
MIC	Ministry of Information and Communications
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOIT	Ministry of Industry and Trade
MOJ	Ministry of Justice
MOLISA	Ministry of Labor, Invalids, and Social Affairs
MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment
MP	Member of parliament
MPS	Ministry of Public Security
MUTRAP	Trade Policy and Investment Support Project, EU
NA	National Assembly
NASC	National Assembly Standing Committee
NGO	Nongovernmental organization
NIF	National Institute of Finance
OD	Organizational development
OOG	Office of the Government
OSC	Overseas Strategic Consulting
PCD	Partner Capacity Development program, USAID
PCI	Provincial Competitiveness Index
PIRS	Performance indicators reference sheets
PLHIV	People living with HIV
PM	Prime Minister
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
PMU	Program Management Unit
PPA	Public Procurement Agency
PPP	Public-private partnership
PPWG	People's Participation Working Group
QPR	Quarterly Performance Report
RFA	Request for applications
RFP	Request for proposals
RIA	Regulatory impact assessment
ROO	Rules of origin
SAV	State Audit of Vietnam
SBL	State Budget Law
SME	Small and medium enterprise
SO	Social organization
SOE	State-owned enterprise
SOW	Scope of work
STAMEQ	General Department for Standard Metrology and Quality
STTA	Short-term technical assistance
TA	Technical assistance

TBT	Technical barrier to trade
TF	Trade facilitation
TFA	Trade Facilitation Agreement
TOT	Training of trainers
TPLC	Tulane Public Law Center at Tulane University
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	United States Government
USTR	United States Trade Representative
VBFB	Vietnam Business Forum
VCCI	Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry
VSS	Vietnam Social Security
VJA	Vietnam Journalists Association
VTFA	Vietnam Trade Facilitation Alliance
WVEC	Vietnam Women Entrepreneurs Council
VWU	Vietnam Women's Union
WB	World Bank
WCO	World Customs Organization
WEN	Wildlife Enforcement Network
WTO	World Trade Organization

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INTRODUCTION

Driven by USAID’s Country Development Cooperation Strategy for Vietnam 2014-2018, the USAID Governance for Inclusive Growth (GIG) program is USAID’s primary activity for cooperation with the public and private sectors in Vietnam. The program aims to enhance areas of governance to facilitate broader-based growth, with an emphasis on the legal framework and systems for accountability. Partnering with our prime counterpart, Ministry of Justice (MOJ), GIG supports the mandates of six key counterparts: MOJ, Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT), National Assembly (NA), Ministry of Finance (MOF), State Audit Office of Vietnam (SAV), and Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI).

“USAID’s Governance for Inclusive Growth program helps Vietnam advance an economic reform agenda that will benefit business, investors, regional trade prospects – and, most of all, Vietnam’s people.”

United States Ambassador Ted Osius
March 6, 2015, Hanoi, Vietnam

Working at the intersection of economic growth, governance, and inclusion, GIG works in three distinct but integrated technical areas, with a public outreach effort that works closely with the technical teams:

- Component 1: Improving legal and regulatory frameworks through a dynamic, inclusive policy-making process.
- Component 2: Improving accountability of public institutions.
- Component 3: Improving inclusion and equality for marginalized groups.
- Cross-Cutting: Improving public outreach and public policy reporting; Grants to catalyze systemic engagement of CSOs in the reform process.

The GIG program represents an investment in Vietnam’s future growth. As such, GIG’s multi-year priority areas, which align with the GIG Results Framework and USAID’s technical priorities, govern all program activities. The table below summarizes GIG’s Year 2 priority program objectives and serves as a helpful guide to all Q2 FY 2015 activities described in this report.

GIG Year 2 Priority Program Objectives
Component 1: Legal & Regulatory Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a transparent and participatory law-making and regulatory process • Enhance competitiveness and the business environment • Improve trade facilitation and prepare for the TPP
Component 2: Governance & Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve policy development and execution through better oversight processes • Facilitate broad-based growth through effective public financial management • Enhance public policy legitimacy through participation, feedback, and media
Component 3: Inclusive Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstream inclusion into law-making and governance processes • Address policy and legal barriers to equal development for marginalized groups • Increase the exercising of citizen rights, through awareness and accountability • Pursue inclusive business approaches among GVN, business, and civil society
Cross-Cutting: Public Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance GVN outreach to citizens, businesses, CSOs, and marginalized groups • Improve media's public policy reporting, for greater transparency and accountability

In accordance with the program's priority areas, GIG supports USAID and the Government of Vietnam's (GVN) ambitious efforts to address governance issues and support sustainable, inclusive growth. When launching the GIG program in 2013, Secretary of State John Kerry differentiated it from typical aid programs: "I want to make that clear. This is an investment." As such, GIG's goal is to maximize this important investment by focusing on creating partnerships and building trust to leverage opportunities for meaningful, sustainable reform throughout Vietnam.

The program is comprised of three technical components, but GIG coordinates activities across the components, particularly for critical policy issues. This quarter, GIG coordinated efforts on such multi-year GIG priority areas such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), implementation of Resolution 19, the Civil Code, and the State Budget and Procurement Law. Additionally, GIG integrates principles of gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) into all possible activities.

This quarter, GIG saw increasing returns on our Year 1 investments in foundational activities. GIG's Q2 FY 2015 activities demonstrate the program is now in full implementation mode, in accordance with GIG's Year 2 Annual Work Plan (AWP-2). GIG is now crafting and executing multiple activities across every component, and with every government counterpart and a host of civil society and private sector partners. Additionally, program initiatives and component activities are aligned with the high-level priorities of GIG, USAID/USG, GVN, and other stakeholders. Finally, GIG is now connecting activities to the institutional

processes or routines of counterpart and partner organizations, thereby enhancing policymaking over the long term.

The enthusiastic support from Vietnamese counterparts, event participants, USAID officials, and U.S. Embassy Vietnam, demonstrates the GIG program's progress. The Honorable Ted Osius, United States Ambassador, recognized (see box on Page 1 above) that GIG adds value by advancing economic reforms to benefit Vietnam's people. Additionally, the USAID Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Asia, Mr. Jonathan Stivers, emphasized (see box below) GIG's critical role in supporting sustainable, inclusive, economic growth.

As our partners' endorsements illustrate, GIG had significant accomplishments across multiple components and activities during the reporting period. The program helped Vietnam realize major progress in legal and regulatory reform, enhancing governance and accountability, and advocating inclusive growth.

"Through such programs as the GIG, we are identifying with our many government counterparts the best opportunities to support Vietnam to leverage the high standards set by the TPP to shape growth that is both sustainable and inclusive."

Mr. Jonathan Stivers
Assistant Administrator for Asia
March 19, 2015, Hanoi, Vietnam

GIG's grant program experienced a significant milestone this quarter – awarding its first grant. Following the release of the first annual APS last quarter, the GIG program began to collect concept proposals for future grants. In mid-February, we conducted our first review of concepts. To date, GIG has received 46 total proposals. Each technical component identified three potential grantees and GIG has commenced the process of making awards. On February 3, GIG awarded its first grant to the Center for Rural Communities Research and Development (CCRD). In the following quarter, GIG expects significant growth in the grant program. Accordingly, GIG plans to expand local staffing resources to accommodate this growth.

This quarter, GIG's Public Outreach team provided cross-cutting support to component teams to ensure visibility and recognition of USAID's profile as a partner in support of Vietnam's governance development goals, while also providing public outreach support to GVN counterparts and stakeholders. In Q2 FY 2015, the Public Outreach team succeeded in improving visibility and recognition of the achievements and milestones of USAID and GVN counterparts. During the reporting period, this resulted in more than 120 newspaper and online articles, as well as more than 32 TV and radio broadcasts in the quarter focused on USAID's work with the Government of Vietnam. Ensuring journalists were informed about the often complex issues arising in technical workshops, the Public Outreach team provided media briefings, facilitated interviews, and visits.

Throughout Q2 FY 2015, GIG personnel continued regular interactions with USG agencies – involving and facilitated by USAID – across a range of policy and process issues aligned with the program’s AWP-2. Additionally, GIG partnered with International Organizations (IOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), international development agencies, and international businesses and business associations to facilitate broader-based, sustainable growth in Vietnam. GIG plans to further explore potential partnerships to leverage opportunities to advance governance reform objectives with international NGOs with existing and emerging efforts in GIG’s priority areas.

GIG’s Potential Partnerships				
USG Agencies	IOs	NGOs	Embassies & Int’l Dev. Agencies	Business Associations
USAID/Washington	International Labor Organization	ActionAid Vietnam	Canadian Embassy	AmCham Vietnam
	UN WOMEN	Asia Foundation	Belgian Embassy	VCCI
	UNICEF	Care International	French Embassy	VTFA
	UNDP	International Orphanage	Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	WECREATE
	UNESCO	Oxfam International	Justice Initiative Facilitation Fund (JIFF)	
	World Bank	North Net	Netherlands Development Organization	
		Norway Alliance in Vietnam		

This quarterly report describes significant impacts and key activities for each technical area from January 1 to March 31, 2015. It also reflects on challenges and opportunities encountered during implementation, and previews activities in the upcoming quarter.

SECTION I: PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

COMPONENT 1: IMPROVING LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS THROUGH DYNAMIC, INCLUSIVE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS

Component 1 works in close coordination with Components 2 and 3 and GVN counterparts to improve legal and regulatory frameworks by identifying challenges, strengthening public consultation and engagement, and improving capacity for legal drafting, debating, and enactment. Component 1 focuses on increasing trade and investment in Vietnam, especially in preparing for the TPP, and enhancing private sector capacity and competitiveness via the WTO TFA and Resolution 19, which sets Vietnam's competitiveness targets.

COMPONENT 1: SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS IN Q2 FY 2015

This quarter, Component 1 helped build the capacity of GVN counterparts to create a more clear and transparent legal and regulatory framework. Component 1 also helped prepare Vietnamese government agencies and businesses for the anticipated TPP, which will spur trade and investment in Vietnam.

Enhanced Business Environment and Competitiveness via Resolution 19.

Resolution 19, adopted in March, outlines the plan to improve all of Vietnam's World Bank Doing Business Indicators (DBIs). The DBIs measure regulations related to the ease of doing business and include such areas as: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, and resolving insolvency. Resolution 19 sets ambitious goals for Vietnam: achieving DBIs equivalent to the average in the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN 6: Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Brunei) in 2015 and DBIs equivalent to the ASEAN 4 (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Philippines) in 2016. GIG provided background research to the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM) to review implementation of Resolution 19, 2014 and make recommendations for furthering the reforms in 2015. GIG continues to work with CIEM on three existing indicators: Getting Electricity, Paying Taxes, and Trading across Borders. In March, GIG invited the World Bank Doing Business team to discuss, update, and explain the methodology of the ten 2016 DBIs with Vietnamese counterparts. Knowing the methodology and the challenges facing Vietnam will help the GVN adapt to changes and improve the business environment.

GIG also consulted with CIEM and related government agencies to understand business challenges and identify reform actions. GIG and the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) then held a workshop to launch the private-public partnership necessary to implement Resolution 19. GIG efforts on Resolution 19 supported a dynamic, inclusive policy-making process that is a

critical step in aligning Vietnamese business practices with regional and international standards. (*CIEM003, KRAs 1.1, 1.3*)

Reduced Customs Clearance Time via new Customs Regulations. Customs adopted important new regulations to simplify customs procedures, which will become effective on April 1. For example, with the issuance of Circular 38/2015/TT-BTC, required import/export documents will be reduced from eight to three (for imports) and from five to one (for exports). In addition, GDVC is now applying an e-customs system. These changes will result in streamlined import/export procedures, a welcome change for traders. GIG helped develop these regulations by providing technical assistance via consultants and workshops. (*CIEM002, KRA 1.1*)

U.S. Free Trade Agreements Rules of Origin Training to Prepare Vietnam for TPP Implementation in Self-Certification of Origin. GIG provided technical assistance in Rules of Origin (ROO) and self-certification to GVN and businesses to equip them with knowledge necessary for TPP. Component 1 conducted training on U.S. FTA Rules of Origin (ROO) in Hanoi for local MOIT, customs officials, and businesses to familiarize them with new requirements for self-certification of origins under U.S. FTA. Developing an enhanced understanding of ROO self-certification is critical for TPP implementation. GIG's assistance will enable both government and business to leverage trade openings and benefits from upcoming FTAs. (*MOIT014, KRA 1.2*)

Strengthened Rule of Law via Civil Code Drafting. During the reporting period, GIG and MOJ worked with CSOs and businesses to develop and finalize the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) and the Civil Code. The 2005 Civil Code is one of Vietnam's most important laws, which regulates the issues on the civil rights and obligations of individuals and organizations, as well as their property and ownership. The 2005 Civil Code is currently under revision in the context of Vietnam's deeper and broader international integration, and the changes in the new, revised 2013 Constitution, which sets forth the most progressive recognition of citizen rights for Vietnam to date.

Building on a series of activities throughout 2014 and the previous quarter, GIG facilitated consultations between MOJ and the Vietnamese legal community, CSOs, academia, and researchers on policy issues in the Civil Code. This dialogue revealed, for example, a problem with the courts' acceptance of civil matters or cases: if a case is submitted but there are no relevant provisions of law governing the dispute, then the court can refuse the case. This is problematic because it fails to protect or address citizens' civil rights and obligations. As a result, GIG recommended that the court must not refuse any request for settlement of a civil case/matter on the grounds that there are no applicable laws. In this case, the court shall apply either (1) the customs; (2) analogous laws; (3) fundamental principles of the civil legislation; or (4) base a decision on fairness. This recommendation was included in the draft revised Civil Code. MOJ is finalizing the draft and will submit to NA for consideration in their May session. (*MOJ019, KRAs 1.1 & 1.5; 3.1, 3.2*)

Reduced Administrative Burdens on Citizens and Businesses via Administrative Procedure Reforms. GIG supported MOJ's Administrative Procedure Control Agency (APCA) to implement the Prime Minister's Decision 08, which mandates government agencies at all levels standardize Administrative Procedures (APs) with the ultimate objective of reducing compliance cost and time for citizens, businesses and organizations. During the reporting period, GIG developed online tools to enable government agencies at all levels to simultaneously update APs and provided training for all ministries and provinces. After GIG provides training to all ministries and provinces, all ministries and provinces will begin officially using the tools after implementation, in late 2015. These efforts will enhance transparency, compliance costs, and reduce rent seeking opportunities. (*MOJ034; KRA 1.1*)

Strengthened Policy Making Capacity with Vietnam Policymakers Seminar Series. GIG launched the Vietnam Policymakers Seminars with a two-week long training on international trade and economic policy for 33 policy analysts and researchers. The training provided a framework for analyzing the impact of trade on the economy and explained how to design policies that leverage trade liberalization opportunities. This seminar series helped equip mid-career officials—critical actors in the policy-making process—with skills needed to adapt to Vietnam's rapidly changing international trade policies. Empowering these government workers will strengthen Vietnam's policy-making capabilities. (*MPI009, KRA 1.2*)

COMPONENT 1: KEY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN Q2 FY 2015

Component 1 worked with GVN counterparts and CSOs to build a more transparent law-making and regulatory process, in alignment with GIG's Year 2 priority program objectives.

Building a transparent law-making and regulatory process:

Component 1 continues to work with counterparts and CSOs to build a more transparent law-making and regulatory process by (i) building capacity in policy-making and advocacy, (ii) reforming laws, regulations, and policy-making processes; and (iii) supporting public-private partnerships. This three-pronged approach guides programming to encourage more transparent law-making and regulatory processes. Key activities this quarter included:

Vietnam Policymakers Seminar Series. As previously mentioned, GIG launched the Vietnam Policymakers Seminar Series in Vinh Phuc. Professor James Riedel of Johns Hopkins University and Drs. Le Xuan Thanh and Dinh Cong Khai of the Fulbright Economic Teaching Program in Ho Chi Minh City conducted training, and U.S. Ambassador Ted Osius addressed the seminar. Participants praised the training for providing a framework for analysis the impact of trade on the economy and explaining how to design policies that leverage trade liberalization opportunities. (*MPI009, KRA1.2*)

Tulane Public Law Center Mission. GIG worked with the Tulane Public Law Center and MOJ (Hanoi Law School and the General Legal Affairs Department) to develop training on bill drafting. In March, Tulane professor David Marcello helped MOJ develop training materials. Professor Marcello, local GIG consultants (Ms. Phan Cam Tu, Dr. Nguyen Dieu Hong, Dr. Hoang The Lien, and Dr. Vu Duc Long), and Dr. Idella Wilson also conducted a two-day training course on plain-language drafting for 50 legal officials and trainers in Vinh Phuc. This training provided basic methods on how to incorporate plain language in bill drafting to improve legal clarity, accessibility, and understanding, particularly for vulnerable groups. (MOJ031, KRA1.1, 1.3)

Law on Laws. At the request of the NA Law Committee, GIG staff researched and wrote an analysis of the Law on Laws, which will be presented at a workshop supported by the Law Committee to aid their review and revision of the Law on Laws. The Law on Laws provides procedures for how laws and rules are made in Vietnam, addressing such fundamental issues as transparency and public participation in law- and rule-making. GIG's primary recommendation was to strengthen rule-making quality control by creating independent regulatory oversight bodies and strengthen transparency and public participation in law- and rule-making. GIG expects counterparts will use recommendations from this paper as a reference for improving the draft Law on Laws, which aims to significantly enhance Vietnam's legal transparency and regulatory quality. (No activity number, this activity was completed as a follow-on to work done with MOJ in 2014)

Civil Code. During the reporting period, GIG and MOJ continued work to strengthen the rule of law by addressing major policy issues within the Civil Code. GIG convened a two-day seminar with participants from MOJ, NA, the drafting team, the legal community, academia, and business to discuss the RIA for the Civil Code. The seminar focused on eight controversial issues and allowed participants to offer direct feedback to the drafting team. GIG, MOJ, and the Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC) also hosted a workshop for 140 lawyers and arbitrators on contracting provisions of the Civil Code. An MOJ representative commented: "This is the best workshop on the Civil Code we have ever organized and it attracted top civil code experts." Significant issues included: (i) use of cases and the principle of equity in the absence of written laws; (ii) reduction in the number of potential reasons for invalidating contracts on the grounds of non-compliance of forms; and (iii) strengthening of all contracting and representation provisions. Consultants included: Mr. Hoang The Lien, Mr. Tran Huu Huynh, Ms. Vo Thi Lan Phuong, and Mr. Hoang Duc Thinh. (MOJ019, KRAs 1.1, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2)

RIA of Law on Administrative Decisions. Components 1 and 3 and MOJ conducted technical workshops on RIA of the Law on Administrative Decisions (LAD) to refine recommendations and build support for reforms. In Vietnam, administrative decisions guide implementation and opinions of state agencies on issues critical to citizens and businesses, such as land. However, no legal

requirements govern issuance of these decisions, resulting in a lack of transparency and opportunities for abuse, with serious consequences for citizens, businesses, and especially vulnerable populations. For example, decisions that might affect a broad population (e.g., decisions on clearing land for hydro power) can be made without full and efficient consultation with the affected group. Recognizing this problem, Vietnam – with the help of GIG – is developing the LAD to enhance transparency and the rule of law. To address these issues, GIG organized workshops throughout Vietnam. In Phu Tho, the workshop addressed the law’s broad impact on local populations, as well as technical issues. GIG supported three local consultants to share their experiences. In Danang, GIG and MOJ also met with 10 provincial departments of Danang City to gain a more in-depth understanding of promulgating administrative decisions. The workshops included local government officials and CSOs, who were able to reveal many practical problems, such as lack of citizen participation – especially vulnerable groups and stakeholders – in the process of promulgating administrative decisions. Local consultants included: Mr. Nguyen Hung Quang, Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Van, and Mr. Hoang The Lien. (MOJ016, KRAs 1.1; 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2)

Standardization of Administrative Procedures. In late March and early half of April GIG and MOJ trained ministry officials on how to standardize APs, an important step in complying with Decision 08 and Resolution 19 reform requirements to simplify business procedures. Training materials will be shared with 63,000 accounts (offices from central to local levels of government) in the AP database to help officials complete the massive job of updating, standardizing, and streamlining APs. GIG anticipates the database will be completed in late 2015. Local consultants included: Mrs. Phung Thi Thanh Xuan and Pham Hoang Ngoc Linh. (MOJ034; KRA 1.1)

Enhancing competitiveness and the business environment:



USAID AA Jonathan Stivers speaks to business and government representatives at GIG’s Workshop on Regulatory Reforms, March 19, 2015. Photo by: USAID/GIG

Resolution 19. During the reporting period, GIG held a workshop with VCCI to promote private-sector participation in regulatory reforms to enhance Vietnam’s competitiveness. The workshop was chaired by USAID AA Jonathan Stivers, VCCI chairman Loc, Vice Chairman of Law Committee of NA Thong, MOF Vice Minister Tuan, with 200 business and government agency representatives. Presenters highlighted opportunities brought about by Resolution 19/2015 and businesses confirmed their enthusiasm for the initiative. The Resolution 19/2014 directed Vietnam to achieve DBI levels

equivalent to ASEAN-6 by 2015; whereas the Resolution 19/2015 directed Vietnam to achieve ASEAN-4 benchmarks by 2016. The event highlighted

Resolution 19 as the flagship program to improve the business environment by benchmarking Vietnam's performance against DBIs. The event also emphasized the roles of the business community – not just the GVN – in implementing Resolution 19, and discussed ways for the GVN to partner with businesses in regulatory reform. (CIEM002 and CIEM003, KRA 1.1, 1.3)

Communications Campaign:

The Public Outreach team worked with broadcasters to highlight the work of USAID and GVN counterparts on priority GIG issues. GIG supported development of a 30 minute TV special on Resolution 19 on “Economic Focus,” VITV, which was broadcast ten times in March. Interviewees included USAID Mission Director Joakim Parker and representatives of CIEM, VCCI, WB, and the business community.



Nguyen Thi Cuc, Chairwoman of Vietnam Tax Consultants' Association, speaks to media at GIG's Business Consultation on Regulatory Reforms, March 19, 2015. Photo by: USAID/GIG

Doing Business Indicators.

Component 1 worked with a variety of GVN counterparts to understand challenges and opportunities in the Vietnamese business environment. In March, GIG organized diagnostic interviews with state agencies (SBV, MOJ, Supreme Court, local government departments) and DBI respondents in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to explore options for reforms to improve DBI performance. GIG also completed a diagnostic visit to HCMC with CIEM, GIG staff, and international and local consultants (Mr. Olin McGill, Mr. Le Duy Binh, and Ms. Pham Ngoc Hoang Linh), and related government agencies (State Bank of Vietnam, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment). The team interviewed DBI respondents to gain a richer sense of their greatest business challenges. Most businesses emphasized challenges with reconciling national laws and provincial-level implementation (i.e. local business practices do not always adhere to national regulations and policy). Businesses highlighted challenges with inefficient complex administrative procedures and outdated paper-based processes. The team then met with local government departments to understand their perspectives and discussed conducting a pilot technical assistance business environment improvement program in HCMC. The pilot, planned for Q4 FY 2015, will likely focus on engaging provincial authorities in enforcing Resolution 19 requirements. Once GIG has completed an initial pilot project, it plans to expand throughout Vietnam to support consistent implementation of Resolution 19. (CIEM003; KRA 1.1, 1.3)

Grant: AmCham VTFA: During the reporting period, GIG worked closely to develop a grant to establish the VTFA. Proposed by AmCham Ho Chi Minh City

through the GIG APS, the grant seeks to call together various representatives of business associations, GVN, and other important stakeholders for recurrent and pro-active ad-hoc consultations, meetings, and technical assistance related to trade facilitation issues. The anticipated date of award is April 2015. (*GUC 101*)

Improving trade facilitation and preparing for the TPP:

Building Capacity for WTO Compliance. GIG helped the General Department for Standard Metrology and Quality (STAMEQ) develop an IT system to comply with WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) requirements. GIG international consultant Ken Murei and local consultant Nguyen Quang Vinh worked with STAMEQ to assess technical requirements and develop the basic functional design for the new e-notification system. GIG expects the system will be ready to deploy in September 2015. (*STAM001, KRA 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5*)



Hai Phong Customs Department officials help customers. Photo featured in *Vietnam News* article “Viet Nam to cut customs clearance time in bid to improve business environment,” featuring USAID/GIG’s *Enhancing Competitiveness: Partnering with Business in Regulatory Reforms* event on March 19, 2015, Hanoi.

Photo by: VNA/VNS Photo Hoang Hung

Customs Reform.

During the reporting period, GIG mailed surveys to 10,470 companies – representing active traders of all sizes throughout Vietnam – to gauge their perceptions of customs services. The survey is a joint effort between VCCI, Customs, and GIG and will help Customs improve performance management, which they are developing with GIG support. GIG plans to engage a local consultant, Mr. Pham

Tien Dung, a statistics expert, to assist with system development. The consultant will use feedback from the customs survey to focus on customs service areas requiring improvement (*TFA004; KRAs 1.3; 1.5, 1.6*)

Self-certification of Rules of Origin for TPP. GIG conducted the first training on U.S. FTA Rules of Origin in Hanoi for local MOIT, customs officials, and businesses. ROO self-certification shifts the burden of certifying—a critical step in international trade—from the GVN to businesses, thereby streamlining import/export procedures. While large Vietnamese businesses (most of whom are already certified) welcome these changes, many smaller businesses lack information about how to proceed under new requirements. GIG training educated both GVN and businesses on how the new U.S. FTA requirements can

be applied to improve import/export processes. This understanding is important for future TPP implementation. International consultant: Nestor Scherbey. (MOIT014; KRA 1.2)

COMPONENT 1: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT QUARTER

Based on progress made in this quarter, Q3 FY 2015 activities will build on progress to date in the following areas:

Rules of Origin. Component 1 will conduct follow-on training on U.S. FTA ROO for MOIT's local export-import management office and local Customs officials. Component 1 will also conduct a workshop on self-certification of origin mechanism for GDVC and businesses in Hanoi and HCMC. These trainings and workshops are in preparation for the anticipated TPP. International consultant: Nestor Scherbey. (MOIT014; KRA 1.2)

Law on Laws. GIG staff will participate in a workshop supported by the Law Committee and the Canadian Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (CIDA) National Legislative Development Project on the Law on Laws in HCMC. This law is critical for the GIG program because it governs how all laws and rules are made in Vietnam. For example, the Law on Laws dictates how public consultation must be conducted, which impacts all Vietnamese citizens.

Administrative Procedures. Hold training workshops on AP standardization for provinces (April 9-10 in Vinh Phuc for 16 northern provinces and April 15-16 in Nghe An for 15 central provinces). The workshops will focus on simplification and standardization of APs under Decision 08 and Resolution 19. By reducing redundancies and inefficient processes, GIG's efforts will help streamline APs and increase the ease of doing business in Vietnam. Local consultants: Mrs. Phung Thi Thanh Xuan and Pham Hoang Ngoc Linh. (MOJ034; KRA 1.1)

Vietnam Trade Facilitation Alliance (VTFA). Launch and provide initial support of the VTFA through AmCham, VCCI, and other private sector network members. The VTFA will serve as a technical resource group housed within the American Chamber of Commerce (Ho Chi Minh City). It will operate as an on-going resource providing technical assistance and expertise and is expected to meet with the GDVC on a monthly basis at the Provincial and Municipal level, and with GDVC Headquarters and PGAs approximately four times per year. The Customs and Trade Facilitation experts of VTFA and specialized working groups are expected to meet monthly or more often in order to prepare for the monthly and quarterly meetings. The meetings with provincial customs will focus on implementation and regulatory issues of importance to businesses and local customs, while GDVC and PGAs will primarily address regulatory issues. (Grant Activity)

Law on Import and Export Duties. Hold consultative workshop on the Law on Import and Export Duties with VTFA, associations, and other business groups in Hanoi (4/10) and in HCMC (4/14). Due to Customs modernization and recent

regulatory reforms, the law must be amended to align with reforms and the newly-revised Law on Taxation Management. (*TFA004; KRAs 1.3; 1.5, 1.6*)

Resolution 19. Support CIEM and other GVN ministries and business associations to implement Resolution 19 by providing a tailored mix of workshops, study missions, and providing technical expertise (local and international consultations). GIG plans to have a series of consultations on specialized management (i.e. import/export control), tax reform, etc. and hold a review meeting CIEM in June to review progress made on Resolution 19 implementation. (CIEM003, KRA 1.1)

Codification/Systemization. Host a workshop with MOJ to review progress and challenges with implementing codification—the reorganization of laws and regulations by subject matter—in Vietnam. GIG will also provide tailor-made technical assistance to GVN ministries on codification. This activity builds on previous Component 1 activities supporting the development of a codification manual. Codifying laws in Vietnam will enhance legal transparency and security, in alignment with AWP-2 program objectives. (*MOJ011, KRAs 1.1, 1.4, 1.5*)

Tulane Public Law Center Mission. GIG will develop an outline for bill drafting manual, to be used to conduct training for the GVN bill drafters and trainers. By delivering training courses on bill drafting, this activity will support GIG's objective of improving the drafting quality of laws and regulations in Vietnam. Local consultants will include Mr. Lien, Ms. Tu, Ms. Hong, and Mr. Long. International consultants will include Mr. David Marcello and Ms. Idella Wilson. (*MOJ031, KRAs 1.1, 1.3*)

COMPONENT 2: IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The transition from central planning to a market economy requires Vietnam to tackle core challenges. To strengthen the accountability of public institutions, Vietnam must modernize, strengthen, and develop public institutions such as the NA, SAV, and other ministries. GIG's efforts will help Vietnam strengthen the NA's oversight role, improve the SAV's control and audit functions, and support relevant ministries to increase transparency in the policy- and law-making process. Component 2 works in close coordination with Components 1 and 3 to help GIG's GVN counterparts improve accountability of public institutions while focusing on improving implementation, oversight, evaluation, and communications.

COMPONENT 2: SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS IN Q2 FY2015

This quarter, Component 2 actively partnered with GVN counterparts to engage citizens in the policy process, encourage transparency, and improve the quality of policy information and analysis. Together, these efforts are changing the way Vietnam approaches policy- and law-making and will enhance the accountability of Vietnamese public institutions.

Specific significant impacts included:

Enhancing the NA's media engagement capacity and improving their relationship with the media. C2 and the Public Outreach team developed a Communications and Public Outreach Strategy for the NA. Prior to GIG involvement, the NA had no communication strategy and approached GIG for technical assistance in this area. The strategy's purpose is to communicate the vision, functions and work of the NA, in accordance with the overall NA vision and functions. GIG made four key recommendations, all of which are incorporated in the strategy. This sustainable plan will guide the NA's external outreach and communications and encourage cooperation with the media. Activity benefits included: improving media relations, developing staff capacity, developing tools (website and NA TV Channel), and providing NA-wide support. (NA 004; 2.5)

Increasing transparency by involving CSOs in the Law on Access to Information (LAI) drafting process. By connecting CSOs and law drafters, GIG Components 2 and 3 helped CSOs provide feedback to the draft LAI by involving them in the LAI workshop and facilitating discussions between CSOs and the MOJ. These efforts helped incorporate citizen perspectives into the draft LAI. (MOJ 033; KRAs 1.1, 2.3, 3.1)

Enhanced understanding of the socio-economic impact of FTAs, including the TPP. At the request of the National Institute of Finance (NIF), an MOF department, GIG agreed to provide technical assistance to help them conduct an impact analyses of FTAs, including the TPP. Recognizing this, NIF wanted to analyze TPP's potential impacts to mitigate challenges and provide information to the public on how to most effectively adapt to these changes. Through discussions with NIF, GIG identified skills gaps and research groups, then developed a strategic plan for analyzing the impact of trade agreements on Vietnam. This plan identifies required training topics, the type of information the NIF should disseminate, and the target audiences to receive information. This will help the NIF conduct research and achieve their goal of supporting businesses and leveraging market opportunities introduced by the TPP. (MOF002; KRAs 1.3, 2.4, 3.4)

COMPONENT 2: KEY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS IN Q2 FY15

GIG Component 2 team worked with GVN counterparts and non-government partners to implement a wide range of activities, in alignment with GIG's Year 2 priority program objectives.

Improve policy development and execution through better oversight processes:

Needs Assessment for Oversight Department Staff. GIG conducted the first round of a needs assessment for the Oversight Department staff, a new department that is finding its footing within the NA. GIG will deliver the assessment findings next quarter and use them as a basis for anticipated GIG-led trainings. (NA006; KRA 2.1)

Instant Support System (ISS). During the reporting period, GIG, working with vendor Tinh Van Solutions, developed software for the NA Library to share reference materials and official documents with MPs during legislative proceedings. Component 2 completed initial consultations and software design for ISS, which will provide more detailed legal information to deputies and improve the policy- and law-making processes. For example, ISS will let NA deputies query the number of citizens requesting driver's licenses, information that will be used to inform debate on public policy issues. GIG anticipates a final software demonstration early next quarter. (NA005; KRA 2.4)

Facilitate broad-based growth through effective public financial management:

State Budget Law Revisions. During the reporting period, GIG provided targeted technical assistance to the NA on revisions to the SBL to ensure an effective and accountable public financial management process. In January, GIG, including local budget consultant, To Nguyen, led a field trip to Ho Chi Minh City and Dong Nai and held a policy discussion on revenue sharing, budget estimates, and expenditure planning with representatives of the NA CFBA, local officials, and the SBL Legal Task Force. These discussions guided the debate surrounding remaining issues in the SBL, namely revenue sharing agreements and decentralization of budgetary authorities. Following the field visits, Mr. Nguyen wrote a law harmonization report to identify potential conflicts between the revised SBL and other laws. In March, GIG and CFBA Vice Chairman Dinh Van Nha convened three days of technical discussions in Vinh Phuc. GIG made recommendations and helped CFBA determine whether proposed revisions conflicted with other laws and regulations. GIG demonstrated the utility of reviewing SBL's relationship with other laws and as such, CFBA asked GIG to draft a full report on the impact of the SBL on all existing laws, which will be delivered in the following quarter. This will serve as the first and only guide of its kind for NA deputies and could serve as a model for future draft laws, addressing a need for a clear and consistent legal framework. (NA007; KRA 1.1, 2.3)

Implementing Regulations of Public Procurement Law. GIG held a workshop in Ninh Binh to solicit input for implementing regulations for the Public Procurement Law (PPL). The PPL was designed to ensure responsible use of public funds while selecting the best contractors for public investments such as construction and infrastructure projects. It also creates a fair and transparent system to minimize corruption. The workshop showcased the draft circular, written by GIG's consultant, Nguyen Xuan Dao and solicited recommendations for new RFP templates. The event was chaired by the Deputy Director General of MPI's Public

Procurement Agency (PPA), Nguyen Dang Truong, and included over 40 participants from the central government, various provincial governments, and business groups. As a result of gaps in understanding noted during this workshop, GIG drafted and delivered a review of standard uses for public procurement terms to MPI. Representatives of PPA responded by requesting that GIG draft formal language for inclusion into the new regulations. (MPI 002; KRA 1.2)

Enhance public policy legitimacy through participation, feedback, and media:

Development of Law on Access to Information. GIG worked with the MOJ to provide technical assistance on the development of the Law on Access to Information (LAI), which promotes transparency and public engagement. GIG engaged in technical discussions with MOJ, including Ms. Nguyen Thi Hanh, Vice Director of the Department of Administrative and Criminal Law. At MOJ's request, GIG reviewed the draft law and made extensive recommendations to clarify the law and align it with international standards. In March, GIG held a workshop in Danang on the draft LAI with representatives from the drafting committee and stakeholders and CSOs from the central region. GIG recommended ways to strengthen the law and summarized international best practices, such as in the U.S., while MOJ updated participants on the draft's regulatory impact analysis (completed with GIG assistance). GIG engaged three local consultants, including Tran Trung Kien and Nguyen Hung Quang, who discussed related access clauses in other Vietnamese laws, and Vo Thi Lan Phuong, who discussed her work updating the RIA on the LAI. (MOJ033; KRAs 1.1, 2.3, 3.1)

Support to the NA Information Department. In February, Component 2 and GIG's Public Outreach Team provided Deputy Director Dzung, NA Information Department, with recommendations developed through a needs assessment and Communications and Public Outreach Strategy that was conducted in January 2015. After conducting a desk review of access to information and media usage in Vietnam, GIG concluded that there is insufficient data for the NA to strategically plan communications and public outreach activities based on audience preferences or need. As such, GIG recommended the NA commission a survey/focus group discussion of public perception. The draft Communications and Public Outreach Strategy of the National Assembly of Vietnam Information Department document provides a complete summary of GIG's recommendations and forms the work plan for future cooperation between the NA and media, including: improving media relations, developing staff capacity, developing tools (website and NA TV Channel), and NA-wide support. In accordance with this plan, GIG will support additional related activities in future quarters. (NA004; KRA 2.5)

Convened Legislative Forums with the Law Committee. GIG provided technical legal assistance on two draft laws. The first forum, on the Law on Local Governments, took place in Quang Ninh in January, while the second on the Law

on Laws was held in February in Hanoi. Each forum was chaired by one of the committee's vice chairmen and included robust dialogue on the role of civil society in law- and policy-making. At the first event, GIG encouraged the NA to focus on specific issues—the recommended structure for local governments and the mechanism of devolving power from the national to local governments—to allow for meaningful, in-depth discussions. GIG also ensured CSO representation, reviewed the policy development process, and provided a model of local governance in other countries (e.g., France). The second event focused on clauses that call for citizen participation in law development. For example, participants noted that while VCCI and the Fatherland Front were listed specifically in the draft law, the final law should include language that allows for broader civil society participation. GIG worked with local consultant Pham Bich San, who facilitated a draft report. Finally, participants noted that citizen participation was recognized in the Constitution, and would be a tool to improve the quality of laws and regulations. (NA 019; KRA 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 1.5, 1.2, 1.3)

Regional Engagement on Auditing Work. In January, USAID invited Component 2 staff member Tran Ngoc Mai to attend USAID “Working with Supreme Audit Institutions” training in Bangkok. This training allowed Mai to meet with regional counterparts and discuss strategies, obstacles, and lessons learned from implementing projects with state audit institutions. This information helped Mai and Component 2 launch GIG’s SAV program.

COMPONENT 2: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT QUARTER

Based on progress made in this quarter, Q3 FY 2015 activities will emphasize:

State Budget Law. When this law passes in May, GIG will have completed multiple research reports, two field trips, a law-harmonization analysis, and hours of discussions on the role of the NA Drafting Committee, in support of enhanced accountability of public institutions. In addition, these activities will correspond with joint GIG-MPI efforts to prepare for SBL changes. (MPI 007, NA007; 1.1, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4)

Procurement Reform. By June, GIG will have completed robust work on procurement reform efforts in support of creating more effective financial management. GIG will have provided international consultations on TPP commitments, supported two circulars, developed a legal framework for certification of professionals, and – most importantly – completed a GIG staff review of the use of procurement terms. (MPI003; KRA 1.2, 2.1)

Support to the NA Information Department. GIG will use the results of the NA needs assessment completed this quarter to implement support for NA communications capacity building. An international consultant will provide technical seminars to the Information Department staff on media management, media tools, crisis management, and media ethics. The international consultant will also deliver training to media on legislative reporting and improving

journalism skills. GIG anticipates these efforts will enhance citizen participation and transparency, and thereby enhance the accountability of the NA. (NA004; KRA 2.5)

COMPONENT 3: IMPROVING INCLUSION AND EQUALITY FOR MARGINALIZED GROUPS

Component 3 works in close coordination with Components 1 and 2 to integrate issues facing women, ethnic minorities, and other traditionally disadvantaged groups into program activities and results. Through these efforts, Component 3 helps institutionalize active roles for CSOs, private associations, and citizen groups into policy making and governance in Vietnam.

COMPONENT 3: SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS IN Q2 FY 2015

This quarter, C3 worked with GVN counterparts, CSOs, and citizen groups to improve inclusion and provide expanded opportunities for vulnerable populations by integrating equality and GESI principles into numerous laws. As inclusion becomes increasingly more rooted in GIG activities, with more representatives from CSOs, academia, political organizations, the private sector, and vulnerable groups directly involved in the policy making processes, all components are proactively incorporating CSOs and inclusiveness whenever possible.

Specific impacts include:

Increased active involvement of historically marginalized groups – CSOs, women, LGBT, ethnic minorities, businesses, etc. – in the law making process. Component 3 promoted dialogue between the GVN and female entrepreneurs on challenges and opportunities entering new markets such as the TPP. (HNEW002, MOJ019; NA022; MOJ002; KRAs 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)



GIG staff met with ICS, an LGBT Civil Society Organization in Ho Chi Minh City, February 2015. Photo by: USAID/GIG

Enhanced quality of laws to recognize gender and social inclusion and protect the rights of vulnerable groups. GIG organized multiple activities to enhance Vietnam's legal protection of historically disadvantaged groups. For example, GIG-organized dialogues with GVN and CSOs prompted the NA to specifically reference the role of CSOs in the draft Law on Laws. Component 3, in coordination with Component 2, also worked with

GVN counterparts to include equality and gender responsiveness principles in the draft State Budget Law. Additionally, Component 3 convened CSOs and experts to recommend provisions for protecting the rights for vulnerable groups (e.g. LGBT, EM, women, disabled) as stipulated in the 2013 Constitution, draft Civil Code, and the draft Law on Administrative Decisions. (NA019; NA022, MOJ016; KRAs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2)

COMPONENT 3: KEY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS IN Q2 FY 2015

Component 3 worked with GVN counterparts and non-government partners to implement a wide range of activities, in alignment with GIG's Year 2 priority program objectives.



Ms. Jessica (Nguyen Huu Toan), a transwoman make-up artist from Ho Chi Minh City, speaks on behalf of the transgendered community at a GIG event on protecting the civil rights of vulnerable populations in the draft revised Civil Code at a GIG workshop. Ho Chi Minh City, February 4, 2015. Photo by: USAID/GIG

Mainstream inclusion into law-making and governance processes:

Draft Civil Code. During the reporting period, GIG convened public consultation workshops where social groups could provide direct inputs to the MOJ Law Drafting Committee on the draft Civil Code. In the last quarter, Component 3 hosted only one public consultation workshop with CSOs and provincial government agencies in northern Vietnam. This quarter, Component 3 expanded public

consultations to southern Vietnam and additional social groups, such as academia, entrepreneurs, health sector, researchers, and social activists. Through these workshops, GIG demonstrated the benefits of incorporating inputs from groups not traditionally included in the law-making process. By involving a variety of groups—CSOs, research institutions, legal and business associations, community based organizations, technical experts in the field of health and citizen rights, students, university professors, private business owners, lawyers, and citizens—GIG forged stronger ties between GVN agencies and CSOs. As trust continues to build, Vietnamese law-making will become increasingly, systematically inclusive, with greater protections for vulnerable groups. (MOJ019; KRAs 1.1, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2)

NA Library. GIG held a workshop to help the NA Library develop a comprehensive view of the role CSOs can play in the law- and policy-making process. This workshop kicked off a series of activities designed to support the

NA Library's research project on the participation of civil society in the NA's legislative activity. In particular, the workshop focused on developing a plan to complete an inventory of social coalitions then analyze how the NA can maximize the utility of these coalitions in the legislative process. Participants included CSOs, research institutes, activists, international NGOs, and related ministries. This dialogue helped the NA understand the roles and functions of CSOs in policy-making. The resulting analysis will help the NA identify social and professional organizations to work with throughout the legislative process, resulting in improved legal reviews of related law (e.g. Law on Laws, Law on Associations, and LAI). (NA011; KRAs 3.2, 3.3, 2.2)

Gender responsive bill drafting. Component 3 worked with Component 1 to identify a local gender expert, Mrs. Nguyễn Thị Diệu Hồng, to accompany the Tulane Public Law Center mission. GIG worked with the mission to incorporate gender sensitivity in bill drafting training for MOJ. During the mission, Mrs. Hong presented on how to include gender sensitive language in drafting LNDs and also incorporated GESI principles into the training curriculum. Her recommended approach was to create a guideline for bill drafting that can be used by policy practitioners (i.e. bill drafters) and professors to better incorporate GESI principles in Vietnamese laws, in support of GIG's AWP-2 objectives. (MOJ031; KRAs 1.1, 1.3)

Law on Laws. GIG worked with Component 2 to arrange consultations with the NA on the importance of involving CSOs in the drafting process. Thanks to these joint efforts, the law now incorporates the recommendations of additional CSOs, extending inclusiveness to historically marginalized groups. (NA019; KRAs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 3.1)

State Budget Law. In January, GIG convened technical meeting and consultative workshop to bring gender-responsive budgeting principles into the SBL. As a result, the NA added language on several references to gender equality in the draft SBL, in Article 8 (Principles) and Article 40 (Budgeting). (NA 022; KRA 2.1)

Law on Access to Information. In March, GIG worked with Component 2 to include central region CSOs in the first consultative workshop on the draft LAI in Da Nang. Including CSOs in the law-making process is an important step in improving inclusiveness and GVN responsiveness to public stakeholders, thereby ensuring better compliance. (MOJ033; KRAs 1.1; 2.3; 3.1)

MOJ Law on Marriage and Family. The social status quo often marginalizes ethnic practices on marriage and family, without regard for Vietnamese ethnic minorities. To address this issue, GIG is supporting MOJ in its efforts to align Vietnamese laws with ethnic minority customs as it implements the Law on Marriage and Family via several decrees. In March, GIG helped MOJ review Decree 32/2002, which applied the Law on Marriage and Family to ethnic minorities. After MOJ issued Decree 126/2014/NĐ-CP, which replaced Decree 32/2002 and addressed additional marriage and family issues, GIG provided

technical assistance to MOJ, developing a guideline on how to effectively use traditions to solve marriage and family issues. (MOJ021; KRA 3.1)

Address policy and legal barriers to equal development for marginalized groups:

Draft Law on Administrative Decisions. Component 3 identified a CSO expert, Mrs. MA Duong Thi Xuan from the Consultative Institute for Socio-Economic Development of Rural and Mountainous Areas (CIDOMA), to represent CSOs in workshops with the Drafting Committee as a gender and diversity expert. Mrs. Xuan encouraged the Committee to incorporate principles of non-discrimination and protection of vulnerable groups into the law (Article 5). MOJ appreciated her recommendations. For example, Mrs. Xuan expressed concerns that the law which is issued in writing, would exclude many ethnic minorities, who cannot read or write and lack internet access. As such, Mrs. Xuan recommended MOJ issue the law in accessible forms (i.e. hard copy and translate into local languages) for ethnic minorities to ensure they know their rights and can contribute to the policy process. GIG and MOJ plan to conduct similar events in other regions, where Mrs. Xuan will accompany the team and offer additional recommendations for integrating GESI principles. By engaging Mrs. Xuan directly in the law-making process, GIG helped MOJ enhance policy dialogue with CSOs and thereby reduce legal barriers for inclusion. (MOJ016; KRAs 1.1; 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2)

Land Rights. The 2003 Land Law was a critical development in emphasizing gender equality and assuring women's legal right to land use. Unfortunately, many Vietnamese women are still left behind, their names excluded from LURCs. Without registering on the LURC, a Vietnamese woman has no legal access to land, compromising her ability to earn a living and raise a family. This problem is largely due to a lack of awareness and education – many communities do not know the prevailing laws and instead default to traditional practices whereby only men's names are listed, effectively denying women any rights to land.

Grant: CCRD Land Law Campaign: On February 3, GIG awarded its first grant to the Center for Rural Communities Research and Development (CCRD). The period of performance will be from February 10 through June 10, 2015. Under this activity, CCRD will leverage their networks and capabilities to implement an awareness campaign and related activities to promote both the newly revised Land Law and the inclusion of women's names on Land Use Right Certificates (LURCs). CCRD activities will target both affected and marginalized women and land registry staff responsible for the issuance of LURCs in the Tan Lac and Lac Son districts of Hoa Binh Province. During the reporting period, CCRD convened its first planning and training workshop in Hoa Binh to start the process to raise awareness among women, local government authorities and related agencies on the importance of protecting women's right by having their names registered in the LURCs according to the new Land Law (2003). (GUC301)

Increase the exercise of civil rights through awareness and accountability:

Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) for RIA: As a follow-on activity to GIG's earlier work with MOJ CFAW on gender mainstreaming, Component 3 identified a gender expert, Mrs. Nguyễn Thị Diệu Hồng, to work with CIEM. GIG will develop GIA guidelines for the RIA training manual and "Train the Trainers" to support GIG and CIEM's RIA activities. *(Related to CIEM005)*

Pursue inclusive business approaches among GVN, business, and civil society:

Hanoi Association for Women Entrepreneurs (HNEW). During the reporting period, GIG hosted a business forum for 100 women entrepreneurs from the southern provinces of Vietnam, in partnership with HNEW and the Vietnam Association for Women Entrepreneurs (VAWE). This forum enabled government agencies, business associations, businesswomen, and research institutes to discuss the challenges enterprises face when entering new regional and global markets. It provided for an exchange of practical insights into how FTAs might impact domestic business operations and growth and how enterprises can ease the transition process. *(HNEW002; KRAs 3.3, 3.4)*

Vietnam Women Entrepreneurs Council (VWEC). GIG and Dr. Susanne Jalbert, a senior international consultant, provided technical assistance to the VWEC to devise a development strategy focused on four development areas: human resources, communication, policy advocacy, and services. The strategy's objective is to strengthen VWEC to enable women entrepreneurs and improve economic opportunities for women. Component 3 also worked with the ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network (AWEN) to introduce a discussion of gender principles. *(VWEC002; KRAs 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)*

Develop research on ethnic minority groups to support policy proposals:

Access to Information for Ethnic Minority Groups. A significant research gap exists regarding how ethnic minority people access information and provide feedback to government. Addressing this research gap will help to support evidence-based decision making to strengthen public outreach with ethnic minority groups in Vietnam. The Public Outreach team with Component 3 has subcontracted a study, "How Ethnic Minority Groups Access Information," to the Development and Policies Research Center (DEPOCEN) for implementation in five research sites across Vietnam. The research will result in recommendations that will aim to support the development of improved and innovative communications tools to engage ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups in meaningful two-way communication with government. This activity began on February 25, 2015 and GIG held technical consultations with NGOs working in the field, including Care International, ActionAid Vietnam, and NorthNet. *(NA015 and KRA 3.3)*

COMPONENT 3: UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT QUARTER

Based on progress made in this quarter, Q3 FY 2015 activities will emphasize:

Law on Marriage and Family and Training. C3 will deliver multiple workshops and field assessments to develop guidelines for implementing Decree 126 (Article 2 to 6) on the law on Marriage and Family and Training. An additional workshop in the Central Highlands will focus on how to apply customs when solving disputes in marriage and family issues for ethnic minorities, as stipulated in the Law on Marriage and Family and the Decision 126. (MOJ021, KRA 3.1)

Gender Equality. GIG will help develop MOJ's action plan for gender equality from 2016–2020. GIG will work with MOJ to integrate CSOs in workshops on RIA research. Additionally, GIG will host a forum on barriers to gender equality mainstreaming in Promulgation of Legal Documents and law making process to inform a circular once the Laws on Laws is passed in May. Finally, Component 3 will design a Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) tool and framework for MOJ to ensure GVN ministries comply with the upcoming Law on Law's GIA requirements. (Related to CIEM005)

Civil Code. GIG will hold a consultative workshop on health issues and gender reassignment issues in the draft Civil Code with MOJ and MOH. (MOJ019; KRAs 1.1, 1.5, 3.1, 3.2)

Decision 09. GIG plans to conduct three assessment trips to Thai Binh, Ca Mau, Binh Dinh to reassess the feasibility of implementing Decision 09, which provides community legal access standards. GIG will also review other possible systems to enhance citizens' ability to access legal information and services at the community level. Additionally, GIG staff will analyze the Vietnamese legal system to identify how to incorporate additional feedback and input from CSOs. (MOJ028, KRA 3.1, 3.2)

Land Rights. Component 3 (through a grant under contract) will support a variety of events to raise awareness and educate Vietnamese provinces on land rights issues. For example, GIG will: host two training courses for communicators at Tan Lac and Yen Lac communes, Hoa Binh province; complete six contests on women's right to land access; conduct biking campaigns in two districts; distribute communication products: calendars, leaflets, handbooks, etc.; train six communes on relevant legal guidelines. As a result of these efforts, at least 3,000 people will gain increased understanding of the benefits of having women's names on LURCs and women's land rights. (GUC301)

Inclusive Business. GIG will support inclusive business practices by providing communications skills training sessions for VVEC staff, developing an IT database-development solution for VVEC, hosting a symposium on FTA developments with HNEW and VAWE, and providing training on market management and policy advocacy for LGBT business owners. (HNEW002, VVEC002; KRAs 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)

Access to Information for Ethnic Minority Groups: DEPOCEN will continue to implement this research project. Qualitative research will commence with government agencies and mass organizations at the central, provincial, and district levels. Quantitative research will follow with ethnic minority groups in five provinces. (NA015 and KRA 3.3)

IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES IN Q2 FY 2015

Opportunities

20th Anniversary of U.S.-Vietnam Relations. The 20th Anniversary of the normalization of Vietnam-U.S. diplomatic relations in 2015 presents opportunities for GIG to contribute to deepening U.S.-Vietnam partnership by helping Vietnam's continued transformation into a more responsible, more inclusive partner.

Strong Partnerships. Throughout Years 1 and 2, GIG has built strong partnerships with government counterparts, allowing the program to engage with all counterparts from designing, modifying, and identifying consultancies to implementing and reporting program activities.

Political Will. Vietnam continues efforts to improve the policy and legal framework in accordance with the 2013 Constitution, which highlights civil and citizen rights. The GVN has indicated a strong interest in regulatory and administrative procedure reforms, which will reduce compliance costs and corruption. Additionally, the GVN's commitment to implementing Resolution 19 presents an opportunity for GIG to effect change in Vietnam's business environment and with trade reforms. Recently, the Prime Minister demonstrated his support for Resolution 19, and relevant GVN ministries have issued implementation guidance, indicating building momentum for meaningful reform. GIG has also received strong commitments from Customs to simplify customs procedures and modernize customs operation to facilitate trade. Together, these commitments demonstrate strong political will in support of reforms. This strong political will presents an opportunity for GIG to build momentum on legal reforms such as the Civil Code, the Law on Laws, and the Law on Administrative Decisions.

New Activities: Counter Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) and Anti-Corruption. Wildlife trafficking has received attention thanks to high profile media attention and a growing advocacy community. As GIG starts its own work in CWT, it enters an active environment. The Judicial Committee of the NA expressed a strong interest in working with GIG on anti-corruption work, sending a formal request to GIG's Steering Committee.

Civil Code. MOJ launched the public consultation process for the draft revised Civil Code, which created an entry point for GIG to support the MOJ Civil-Economic Law Department and the Drafting Committee to consult and obtain

inputs from a diversified social group including academia, private sector, civil society organizations, political agencies, research institutes, ministries, NA, provincial DOJs, and potentially others.

Leveraging Cross-Component Activities. The close integration of GIG's different components focused on promoting inclusiveness has yielded results. By working cross-functionally, GIG has supported gender equality, CSO engagement, women's business associations, the VCCI, and rights of vulnerable groups.

Challenges

Human Resources. A shortage of human resources during the reporting period to support a rapidly growing technical assistance portfolio impeded GIG's ability to leverage existing programs and expand activities.

Maintaining momentum. The reporting period spanned the New Year and Lunar New Year holidays, resulting in government closures and a reduction in available work days.

Information Sharing, Coordination, and Program Management. Coordination and sharing information on project activities between the PMU and counterparts or among different departments and agencies in each counterpart should be improved. Harmonizing GIG rules, USAID regulations and policies, and the management practices of the GVN is challenging. GIG urges counterparts to strictly comply with the program's clear, transparent program management regulations and requirements, specifically regarding planning and travel for GIG events.

The Grant Program. GIG's Grant Program is required by the PMU to strictly follow the "General rules of operation of the Grant," cited in the Project Document signed by VM Dinh Trung Tung on June 23, 2014, which says: "Annually, pursuant to the Guide to Selecting Grantees and Using the Grant, the Project Office shall propose a list of potential organizations and activities to be funded by the Grant and send it to MOJ for its comments and inputs before further submission to USAID for approval. Any changes to the original list must be reported in advance by the Project Office to MOJ. The Project Office shall coordinate with relevant agencies and organizations in providing support to the initiatives as stated in the approved list." This requirement is challenging, as it poses a conflict between the MOJ-PMU's desired grant notification process and the grant award process employed by GIG. While the MOJ PMU would like GIG to provide an annual list of potential grantees, GIG's APS selection process is done on an ad hoc basis. To mitigate this conflict, GIG communicates regularly with the MOJ PMU and notifies them of likely grantees on a case-by-case basis, as grantees are selected.

SECTION II: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

COORDINATION WITH GVN COUNTERPARTS AND THE PMU

GIG engages with its six GVN counterparts through a centralized Project Management Unit (PMU), appointed by the Minister of MOJ. The PMU coordinates outgoing requests, with the Deputy Director General of the MOJ International Cooperation Department, Mr. Bạch Quốc An, serving as GIG's primary point of contact. GIG Deputy Program Director, Pham Thi Hoai Giang, is responsible for coordinating with the PMU.

The MOJ chairs the PMU Program Steering Committee, an entity established to provide high-level guidance and input to the program with USAID involvement. The GIG Program Director oversees this process, and serves to provide technical input, programmatic direction, and strategic guidance for GIG activities and partner stakeholders.

During Q2 FY 2015, GIG worked with the PMU on all GIG program activities. At the end of the reporting period PMU reminded GIG to complete and issue the project implementation manual, which was recently revised. At the moment, this revision is still under USAID review and is past the PMU's requested deadline.

CONTRACT DELIVERABLES

Contract deliverables submitted to USAID during the reporting period include:

- Quarterly Performance Report # 4 (October to December 2014)
- 12 Weekly Bullets
- 15 Media Briefings
- 5 technical deliverables for international short-term consultants

SECTION III: ANNEXES

The annexes of this report provide a summary of implementation considerations and budget expenditures through March 31, 2015. These annexes are as follows:

- Annex 1: Long-term personnel – level of effort totals, used, and balance (person days)
- Annex 2: Short-term assignments by expected result and level of effort approved and used (person days) – (2a) international and (2b) local
- Annex 3: DTA activity progress report
- Annex 4: Program non-expendable property inventory
- Annex 5: Indicator data summary table

Annex 1: GIG long-term personnel – Level of effort totals, used, and balance (Person days)

Exhibit I: GIG long-term personnel - Level of effort totals, used, and balance (Person days)

Position	Name	Q2/FY2015 Total LOE	Previous LOE total	Total LOE Expended March 2015	Total LOE Remaining
Program Director	Jonathan Simon	68.99	214.06	283.05	1,016.95
Deputy Chief of Party	Pham Hoai Giang	65.01	265.37	330.38	969.62
<i>Legal & Regulatory Framework (LRF) Team (ER 1)</i>					
LRF Director	Phan Quang	65.01	204.64	269.65	987.35
Trade Facilitation Advisor	Peter Bennett	9	0	9	983.27
LRF Program Manager (Legal Focus)	Phan Thi Thai Ha	65.01	75.34	140.35	1,144.65
LRF Program Manager (Trade Facilitation)	Vu Phuong	65.01	242.37	307.38	972.62
LRF Program Manager (Trade Policy)	Le Sy Giang	65.01	227.7	292.71	987.29
<i>Governance and Accountability Team (ER2)</i>					
Governance and Accountability Director	Brian Giacometti	80	166	246	873.00
Public Auditing Specialist	TBD	0	0	0	1,280.00
Governance and Accountability Program Manager	Tran Thi Huong Giang	65.01	60.34	125.35	1,154.65
Governance and Accountability Program Manager	Tran Ngoc Mai	65.01	211.03	276.04	1,003.96
Governance and Accountability Program Officer	Le Hong Diem	65.01	36.34	101.35	1,115.31

Position	Name	Q2/FY2015 Total LOE	Previous LOE total	Total LOE Expended through March 2015	Total LOE Remaining
<i>Inclusive Growth Team (ER 3)</i>					
Inclusive Growth Director	Vu Thu Hong	65.01	248.37	313.38	971.62
Inclusive Growth Program Manager	Nguyen Thi Loi	65.01	245.37	310.38	969.62
Inclusive Growth Program Manager	Phung Thi Van Anh	65.01	179.69	244.7	1,035.30
Inclusive Growth Program Manager	Pham Minh Tu	65.01	13	78.01	1,201.99
<i>Operations, Grants, and Partnerships Team</i>					
Operations, Grants, and Partnerships Director	Noel Martinez	80	242.05	322.05	967.95
Grants Manager	Nguyen Thi Thanh Loc	65	195.98	260.98	1,019.02
Grants Officer	Dang Thu Huyen	65.01	122.34	187.35	1,092.65
HR and Administration Manager	An Hong Nhung	65.01	211.02	276.03	1,003.97
Finance Manager	Dinh Thu Trang	65.01	58.33	123.34	1,161.66
IT Officer	Trinh Thai Son	65.01	48.34	113.35	1,166.65
Administrative Officer	Nguyen Viet Phuong	65.01	196.03	261.04	1,018.96
Administrative Officer	Tran Thu Huong	65.01	191.36	256.37	1,023.63
Administrative Officer	Phan Hoai Lien	65.01	37.67	102.68	1,177.32
Senior Translator/Interpreter	Nguyen Thi Kim Thanh	65.01	187.36	252.37	1,027.63
Translator/Interpreter	Dao Thuy Linh	32.5	11	43.5	1,216.50

Position	Name	Q2/FY2015 Total LOE	Previous LOE total	Total LOE Expended through March 2015	Total LOE Remaining
Technical Support Team					
M&E Manager	Hoang Thi Thanh Mai	65.01	211.03	276.04	1,003.96
M&E Manager	Ngo Thi Hoai	43.34	0	43.34	1,236.66
Public Outreach Director	Rosie Makepeace	42	269	311	209.00
Communications Manager	Pham Thai Hong Van	65.01	142.02	207.03	1,072.97
Totals:		1851.1		6364.2	32,065.73

Annex 2a: GIG short-term expatriate/TCN assignments by expected result (ER) and level of effort approved and used (Person days)

Exhibit 2a: GIG short-term assignments by expected result (ER) and level of effort approved and used (Person/days)

Position	Name	ER Code	Q2/FY2015 Total LOE	Approved LOE	Total LOE Remaining	Details
Acting Program Director	Sarah Meyer	ER 1, ER 2, ER 3	8.25	10	1.75	N/A
Trade Economist	James Riedel	ER 1	11	25	14	MPI009
International Business Environment Specialist	Olin McGill	ER 1	18.59	28	9.41	CIEM003
International Trade Facilitation Consultant	Nestor Scherbey	ER 1	22	39	17	MOIE014 and TFA004
Gender and Economic Policy Specialist	Susanne Jalbert	ER 3	17	17	0	VWEC 002
Reporting Manager	Anne Toomey	ER 1, ER 2, ER 3	18.4	130	111.6	N/A
Rule of Origin Consultant	Deborah Elms	ER 1	4	9	5	MOIT003
TBT Specialist	Kamau Murei	ER 1	29	30	1	STAM001
Totals:			128.2	288	159.76	

Annex 2b: GIG short-term local assignments by expected result (ER) and level of effort approved and used (Person days)

Position Detail	Name	ER Code	Q2 Total LOE	Approved LOE	Total LOE Remaining *	Details
Senior Customs Expert	Dang Thi Binh An	ER1	15	50	35	CIEM003
Senior Customs Expert	Dang Thi Binh An	ER1	14.5	50	35.5	TFA001
Senior Customs Expert	Pham Thanh Binh	ER1	15	50	35	CIEM003
Senior Customs Expert	Pham Thanh Binh	ER1	20	50	30	TFA001
Business-Enabling Environment Consultant	Ngo Vinh Bach Duong	ER1	15	50	35	CIEM003
Business-Enabling Environment Consultant	Le Duy Binh	ER1	15	50	35	CIEM003
Senior Procurement Expert	Nguyen Xuan Dao	ER2	25	50	25	MPI002
Gender Expert (RIA focus)	Nguyen Thi Dieu Hong	ER3	9	50	41	NA022
Legal Expert (Civil Code)	Tran Huu Huynh	ER1/3	11	50	39	MOJ019

Position Detail	Name	ER Code	Q2 Total LOE	Approved LOE	Total LOE Remaining *	Details
BEE Consultant	Pham Hoang Ngoc Linh	ER1	15	50	35	CIEM003
Senior Budget Expert	To Nguyen	ER2	20	50	30	NA007
RIA Consultant	Vo Thi Lan Phuong	ER1	6	50	44	MPI002
Senior Legal Expert	Hoang The Lien	ER1	6	50	44	MOJ016
Senior Legal Expert	Hoang The Lien	ER1/3	15	50	35	MOJ019
Senior Legal Expert	Pham Bich San	ER2	6	50	44	NA019
Codification Legal Expert	Phan Cam Tu	ER1	15	50	35	MOJ005
RIA Consultant	Dang Quang Vinh	ER1	10	50	40	MOJ003
IT Systems Expert	Nguyen Quang Vinh	ER1	20	50	30	STAM001
	Totals:		252.5	900	647.5	

*On Dec 31, 2014 all consultant STTA agreements were closed. GIG has entered into new agreements for consultants retained in 2015.

Annex 3: DTA Activity Progress Report

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
COMPONENT 1: IMPROVING LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS THROUGH DYNAMIC, INCLUSIVE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS					
	1.1. High-quality laws and regulations developed				
MOJ01 9	1.1	Support development of the 2005 Civil Code (amended), by continuing support for the regulatory impact assessment (RIA).	Oct 2014-March 2015	In progress	Components 1 & 3. Continued events for technical inputs and public consultation on the Civil Code for different groups and on different sections of the Code. The RIA report was drafted and will be finalized by May 2015. A position paper from CSOs and the Vietnam Medical Association were submitted to the Drafting Committee. Another position paper from academia and legal experts is being drafted. The draft revised Civil Code integrated project recommendations and will be submitted to NA for review and approval in May 2015.
MOJ02 6	1.1	Review and develop options for legal system improvement to implement TPP commitments, per agreed needs and priorities.	Oct-Dec 2014	Not yet started	
MOJ02 7	1.1	Support establishment of an equitable and transparent dispute resolution mechanism to deal with investor-state disputes promptly and efficiently within the framework of TPP and agreements on promotion and protection of investments.	Oct 2014-June 2015	Preparing	DTA is being drafted. Moved from Component 1 to Component 2.
MOJ03 1	1.1	Improve the LND drafting capacity of legal officers of ministries, NA, sector organizations, and localities.	Jan-June 2015	In progress	Organized plain language bill drafting skills training, March 2015. Developing bill drafting manual for legal officers and trainers. Gender expert provided training and will incorporate gender language into manual.
MOJ01 3	1.1	Support management and facilitation of international cooperation activities in the legal sector through technical assistance in (i) implementation of the decree on cooperation in legal sector; (ii) possible	TBD	Not yet started	

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
		support of a study mission to the US on experience in implementing Constitution.			
MOJ018	1.1	Study and compile guidelines for developing provisions on administrative procedures in draft LNDs.	Oct 2014-Dec 2015	In progress	The draft manual is under consideration/review of the MOJ Minister for further action.
	1.1	Develop a set of standardized administrative procedures and tools for rationalization of administrative procedures for government of various levels, focusing on selected priority areas such as tax, customs, et al.	Oct 2014-Dec 2015	In progress	Continued under MOJ034. Tools and methodology have been partially developed. Training courses for ministries and provinces were conducted in late March and will be continued in early April 2015.
MOJ016	1.1	Support development of the Law on Making Administrative Decisions. Support a study of international experiences related to drafting the Law on Making Administrative Decisions.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	Continued workshops to collect inputs on the contents of the draft LAD and key issues in the RIA report. RIA report is being drafted and will be finalized by May 2015.
MOJ004	1.1	Support organization of a workshop to solicit comments on the draft Decree on Commercial Mediation.	Oct-Dec 2014	Completed	This activity was completed.
TFA002	1.1	Improve and promulgate harmonized system explanatory notes.	Oct-Dec 2014	Completed	Harmonized system explanatory notes incorporated as reference materials in the classification circular.
TFA001	1.1	Implement commitments under the WTO TFA: risk management, national single window, CBP, strategic administration of the customs modernization plan, performance indicators, compliance measurement and assessment, experience sharing, Vietnamization, application of the EClick software, et al.	Oct 2014-Sep 2015	Completed	Will continue under TFA004.

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
TFA004	1.1	Support for Implementation of WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA): (i) support the implementation of regulations; (ii) build capacity for Customs and related agencies; (iii) operationalize TFA partnership with the private sector; (iv) work with Customs, CIEM and businesses on simplification of "specialized management" regime; (v) support Risk Management Board of Vietnam Customs to develop a compliance measurement system, compliant traders program, and risk management framework; and (vi) develop a comprehensive customs performance indicators systems, including conducting survey on customers' satisfaction towards VN customs performance/activities.	Jan-June 2015	In progress	A survey on traders' satisfaction on customs services in 2015 was being conducted, to be completed by July 2015.
TFA003	1.1	Build capacity and support implementation for combatting wildlife trafficking (CWT).	Apr-Dec 2015	Preparing	The code will change to CWT00. This activity was moved from Component 1 to Component 2. Discussing with relevant agencies on initial activities.
MOF003	1.1	Review and systematize the list of current tax-related administrative procedures, including annual statistics; propose options for simplification. Develop a process for Administrative Procedure Control.	Oct 2014-Dec 2015	In progress	DTA was finalized and the consultants were recruited to review tax rules and procedures to reduce time and cost of compliance and systemize tax regulations into more user friendly codes.
MOIT010	1.1	Conduct status assessment to develop National Technical Regulations on food safety assurance conditions applicable to food production, storing, and trading facilities under MOIT's management authority.	July-Sept 2015	Not yet started	
MOIT011	1.1	Conduct a status assessment for the development of a legal document stipulating the conditions for and method of managing food trading at markets and supermarkets.	July-Sept 2015	Not yet started	
MOIT012	1.1	Support implementation of Bali Package TFA provisions with Customs and other agencies. Support may include reviewing regulations to facilitate trade, and issuing e-documents to enhance understanding.	Oct 2014-March 2015	Not yet started	

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
MOIT013	1.1	Support preparation for implementation of the TPP/FTA in selected technical areas agreed by GVN and USG, such as labor, environment, customs, et al.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	Preparing	DTA was drafted.
MOIT003	1.1	Review and analyze LND system concerning rules of origin, to recommend revisions and amendments, or issue new LNDs, for self-certification of goods origin in ASEAN.	Oct-Dec 2014	In progress	Circular on Self Certification of Origin under ASEAN scheme is being drafted.
CIEM003	1.1	Study and assess the implementation of regulations and procedures relating to the Doing Business Indicators (WB) and propose solutions to streamline procedures and reduce time and costs, in order to improve the business environment and national competitiveness. In 2015, focus on 3 indicators: (i) registering property; (ii) protecting investors; and (iii) enforcing contracts. Activities may include study reports, one-day technical workshops, field trips, or national conference.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	The new Resolution 19/2015 was issued in March 2015. Activities include training on WB business indicators, a workshop with VCCI to engage the business community into the regulatory reform, and field visits/in-depth interview ⁹ . The project inputs and recommendations were significantly incorporated into the new Resolution 19/2015.
CIEM004	1.1	Sum up the implementation of reforms under "Ease of Doing Business Indicators (EoDB) in Vietnam for the 2011-2015 period," to develop recommendations on how to improve the business environment and enhance national competitiveness. Activities may include study reports, technical workshops, field trips, or national conference.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	Combined with CIEM003- see above
MOJ033	1.1	Support Development of the Law on Access to Information: Provide technical expertise in reviewing the provisions on access to information in various international commitments, agreements, and select laws of other countries, especially those recently enacted or from countries similar to Vietnam.	Jan 2015-Sept 2016	In progress	A consultative workshop on draft Law on Access to Information was organized in March 2015. A draft RIA report of Law on Access to Information was submitted and expected to be finalized by end of April. A review of National Law Provisions on Access to Information mid-term draft was submitted. An international law review on freedom of information is ongoing.

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
MOJ034	1.1	Support standardization of administrative procedures, through finalization of manual of drafting AP regulations, development of methodology and tools for APs standardizing, and update of standardized APs on the online national database.	March-Dec 2015	In progress	A seminar on focused administrative procedures reform in 2015 and administrative procedures standardization was organized in March 2015. An online national database on administrative procedures and regulations was upgraded to significantly improve searching capability in administrative procedures and regulations information, which will be launched in the next quarter.
1.2. Policy development processes improved					
MOJ030	1.2	Develop Operational Guidelines for RIA.	Oct 2014-March 2015	Not yet started	
MOJ017	1.2	Organize a Workshop to finalize draft Regulations on Decentralization and Appointment of the Duty to manage civil servants and employees in various State management entities under MOJ.	Oct-Dec 2014	Not yet started	
MOIT005	1.2	Support capacity building of understanding of legal issues for legal officers to develop and implement FTAs in selected legal and institutional areas.	Jan-Apr 2015	Not yet started	
MOIT007	1.2	Study policies for trade, import, and export in economic zones, special trade zones, and export-processing zones (EPZs). Study foreign experiences in the development of such policies, to identify ways to improve the legal framework for such zones.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	DTA was finalized. Recruitment of consultant to analyze practical implementation of trade policies applicable to economic zones in progress.
MOIT014	1.2	Review regulations and practices in certification of origin and prepare Vietnam for implementation of a self-certification regime anticipated in FTAs such as TPP. Activities may include survey of current practices, training, technical/management advice, etc.	Oct 2014-June 2015	In progress	A training on rules of origin for MOIT was completed in March 2015, followed by a workshop for customs and businesses.
CIEM005	1.2	Support training events on RIA. Steps may include developing a RIA manual and delivering related trainings.	Jan-Sept 2015	Preparing	Considering customizing the training materials drafted last year. First course will be 6 - 9 May 2015 in Hanoi and Thai Nguyen with GIG, CIEM and APD. Recruited gender expert and preparing a gender impact assessment manual (to be used in RIA process).

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
MPI008	1.2	Support capacity development for the International Public Procurement Center.	Oct-Dec 2014	Not yet started	
MPI009	1.2	Support capacity development for the Center for Research and Policy Consultation.	Oct 2014-March 2015	In progress	Training on international trade and economic analysis was delivered for policy makers/analysts in various government agencies, National Assembly, and Party.
NA010	1.2	Organize a Technical Conference on FTAs in the central region of Vietnam.	Jan-March 2015	Delayed	
1.3 Information systems and evidence-based analysis for policymaking improved					
MOIT008	1.3	Review and assess 10 years' implementation experience of the 2005 Commercial Law (Part 1).	Apr-June 2015	Preparing	DTA is being drafted.
MOIT009	1.3	Review and assess the business conditions applicable to conditional business sectors to support the implementation of the revised Investment Law and implementation of the TFA with regard to import/export licensing in these sectors.	Apr-June 2015	Preparing	To combine with MOIT008 - see above.
MOIT002	1.3	Review and propose changes to environmental protection rules for the manufacturing sector.	Oct-Dec 2014	Completed	An analysis report on Unsafe Goods and Environmental Protection by national consultant was completed.
MOIT004	1.3	Review and recommend ideas and roadmap for developing and issuing MOIT technical regulations (QCVN) by 2020 for conformity of certification and examination of quality of Group II commodities in production and importation.	Oct-Dec 2014	Completed	Combine with MOIT002- see above.
NA008	1.3	Organize 6 technical workshops on intellectual property, government procurement, trade facilitation, origins of goods, labor, environment, and other topics, for the publication of technical briefing materials on FTAs for NA deputies to perform ratification and implementation of FTAs	Oct 2014-March 2015	Delayed	Delayed due to NA meeting.

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STAM001	1.3	TBT Support to STAMEQ	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	The current TBT IT system thoroughly reviewed and assessment report completed. Preparing for next steps for developing prototype of the Electronic Notification System (ENS) and installation/launching.
1.4. Transparency of laws and regulations improved					
MOJ011	1.4	Conduct professional and operational dialogues/seminars on a quarterly basis to improve knowledge and skills of codification officers, and to address difficulties in codification activities.	Oct 2014-Dec 2015	In progress	Manual completed last year. Revised DTA-approved. First in a series of regular review seminars on codification will be in late April 2015.
MOIT006	1.4	Support systemization of the legal norm system in the trade and industry sector.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	Preparing	DTA is being drafted.
1.5. Public consultation and stakeholder engagement mechanisms strengthened					
MOF004	1.5	Raise awareness among LND drafters in the public finance sector on the importance of public consultation, through training for officers of MOF units, and tools to enable better public participation in formulation of laws and regulations.	Jan-June 2015	In progress	DTA was finalized and consultant recruitment in progress.
1.6. Innovative partnerships to advance a clear legal and regulatory framework established					
MOJ020	1.6	Develop academic partnership between Vietnamese law schools and Tulane Law School to develop curriculum and train staff in legal drafting and development. Improve training capacity Hanoi Law University and other law school lecturers.	Cont. from last year	Completed	Continued under MOJ031.
TFA001	1.6	Technical assistance provided to strengthen relationship between Vietnam Customs and the business community to facilitate business and operations in all activities related to Customs issues including: completing the legal framework to promote the development of Customs-to-business partnership, and supporting implementation of partnership programs with AEOs, compliant traders, and Customs brokers.	Cont. from last year	Completed	Continued under TFA004. Regarding Customs Business Partnership, the mechanism has not yet been issued, waiting for comments from local customs.

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COMPONENT 2: IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS					
	2.1. Government oversight processes strengthened				
NA006	2.1	Develop regulations on the order, sequence, and details of oversight activities of the NA and its Standing Committee. Areas of support will include defining the role of the Department, and supporting implementation of oversight regulations.	Apr-Sept 2015	In progress	Needs assessment of Oversight Support Department of NA was conducted and recommendations will be submitted in the following quarter. Initial trainings being designed.
NA012	2.1	Support internal resources and procedures of the Committee. Activities to include support for review of relevant LNDs for complaints and petitions, and consultations on internal systems for managing requests and information effectively and efficiently.	Jan-Sept 2015	In progress	DTA and TORs were completed, and consultant recruitment in progress.
NA020	2.1	Help Law Committee conduct Q&A sessions (deliberative hearings) in accordance with the working schedule of the Committee. Coordinate with Oversight Department on developing oversight procedures and rules.	Jan-Sept 2015	Not yet started	Preliminary internal discussions between departments in the NA ongoing.
NA021	2.1	Conduct a training needs assessment for NA deputies and staff.	Jan-March 2015	Not yet started	Discussions being made with the partner.
MPI003	2.1	Support public procurement mechanisms, such as certification, through assessment, planning, and initial implementation.	Jan-Sept 2015	In progress	DTA was amended. A national consultant was hired to review the circular on procurement training. An international consultant will come to Vietnam in May 2015 to build a framework on procurement licenses.
SAV004	2.1	Support SAV in finalizing draft revised State Audit Law, and disseminating implementing documents after the Law is promulgated. Support to include: (i) drafting assistance including harmonization with other laws such as the State Budget Law, (ii) coordination with the NA on drafting and deliberation, (iii) guidelines for implementation, and (iv) development of regulations.	Jan-June 2015	In progress	International consultants' review of international state audit laws/acts was submitted to GIG for comments. GIG is compiling with its comments to share with SAV and Financial and Budget Committee of the NA.

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SAV005	2.1	Develop a model of operational divisions in units performing audit operations. Provide organizational consulting on SAV's structure and roles of departments.	Jan-June 2015	Preparing	DTA and TORs are being finalized.
SAV006	2.1	Offer training and support SAV's capacity to train its officers. Activities to include: (i) identify a topic for training to serve as the pilot module, based on assessed needs; (ii) create training materials; (iii) conduct ToTs; and (iv) institutionalize. As part of process, assist SAV in reviewing governing norms of audit area and drafting guidelines for that area. The first module will serve as a model, which may then be replicated in other areas.	Jan-Sept 2015	Preparing	DTA and TORs are being finalized.
SAV007	2.1	Support 2 officers to attend the audit specialized training course organized by US GAO and to establish partnership with US GAO. Upon their return, organize workshop to share their experiences.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	Preparing	SAV is recruiting candidates to be approved by GIG and USAID.
2.2. Citizen participation in monitoring and evaluating policy implementation strengthened					
NA013	2.2	Initiate a constituent engagement pilot program to inform MPs on how to process constituent requests under current laws and regulations. Pilot participants will receive informational material and ongoing support from the Committee, hold regular constituent engagement sessions, and report on how each received request was addressed.	Jan-March 2015	Preparing	DTA is being drafted and will be sent to the NA for comments.
2.3. Transparency on policy implementation effectiveness increased					
MOJ023	2.3	Support law implementation monitoring and tool development to enable citizens to provide feedback on law implementation (alternative GIG proposal). Develop methods to clarify and harmonize roles of different MOJ departments. Support development of a Proposed Law on Organizing Law Implementation.	Jan-Sept 2015	Preparing	DTA sent to the Bureau of Handling with Administrative Offences and Monitoring of Law Implementation - MOJ for comments.

Activity Number	KRA	Planned activities for Year 2	Timeframe	Status Q2	Notes Q2
MOJ024	2.3	Support monitoring of law implementation and development of tools to enable citizens to provide feedback on implementation of laws (alternative proposal from GIG). Develop methods to clarify and harmonize roles of different departments within MOJ, as appropriate.	Jan-Sept 2015	In progress	DTA was cleared but needs to be amended due to change of the work plan. Consultant recruitment in progress.
MOJ025	2.3	Support law implementation monitoring and development of tools to enable citizens to provide feedback on implementation of laws (alternative proposal from GIG). Develop methods to clarify and harmonize roles of different departments within MOJ.	Jan-Sept 2015	Delayed	Waiting for partner to start with the implementation of the activity.
MOF001	2.3	Improve the public procurement mechanism in coordination with MPI's Public Procurement Agency (PPA).	TBD	Delayed	In discussion with MOF.
MPI005	2.3	Review and assess e-procurement practices in Vietnam. Develop a roadmap for possible future applications. Activities may include workshops and review of international best practices.	April-Sept 2015	Preparing	Revised DTA will be prepared in April. The proposed activity includes: communication strategy, development of a circular on e-bidding invitation documents, training for the staff of PPA (Public Procurement Agency).
MPI006	2.3	Improve efficiency and decentralization of public investments to promote transparency and central-local coordination. Support to include continued capacity development and inputs on capital investment policies, e.g., workshops, consultancies, trainings.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	DTA was approved and the consultants (both international and national) were recruited for the study on decentralization of public investment.
NA009	2.3	Organize training for Committee staff based on identified needs, including those recommended in Year 1. Potential topics include budget review and development.	Apr-Sept 2015	In progress	Format and content of the training were agreed upon. Time-line for the training was not yet fixed. Trainer recruitment process is ongoing.

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NA019	2.3	Convene regular law forums to allow stakeholders, citizen groups, and GVN representatives to discuss and provide recommendations on select draft laws. Forum topics will include the Law on the Organization of the Local Governments, the Law on Oversight, and the Law on Laws. Forums will be designed to address issues related to each law. For example, a Law on Audit Forum could serve as a forum for the SAV and the NA. In addition, laws initiated by NA deputies should be highlighted.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	Two forums on Law on Organization of Local Government and on Law on Laws were organized. For the second forum, component 2 and 3 collaborated to organize a consultation workshop on Law on Laws.
NA007	2.3	Support the revision of the State Budget Law. Activities to include: (i) gather information on implementation of the current Budget Law at the subnational level, including recommendations for revisions; (ii) disseminate findings to MPs; (iii) organize a workshop before the Spring NA session to seek comments from experts and concerned agencies; (iv) offer assistance in consolidating recommendations (including recommendations from Year 1) for the final version of the revised law. All activities will also include a review of Decision 387 and best practices on inclusive budgeting.	Oct 2014-June 2015	In progress	2 more field trips to HCMC and Vinh Phuc to get inputs and revise the revised State Budget Law were conducted. Convened technical meeting to review revisions and supporting the CFBA (NA) on the preparation of law harmonization.
2.4. Quality of information and analysis for evaluating policy implementation effectiveness improved					
MOF002	2.4	Assess TPP impact on various economic sectors and State budget revenues, under Decision 68/2014/QĐ-BTC (8 Jan 2014) of the Minister of Finance, issuing the MOF Action Plan to implement Resolution 01/NQ-CP (2 Jan 2014) on implementation of the socio-economic development plan.	Apr-Sept 2015	In progress	The framework on action plan for this activity was designed. Capacity building program for NIF researchers is under preparation. 3 trainings and related studies will be organized in June - July 2015. International consultant recruitment for the training is in progress.

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NA011	2.4	Review and enhance the NA Library's capacity to support legislative forums and dialogues, working in coordination with the Law Committee and other relevant committees.	Jan-Sept 2015	In progress	A revised DTA was finalized in March 2015. A seminar on participation of social organizations in the legislative process of the NA was organized in January 2015. Social feedback mechanism mapping is under preparation. A policy forum on the oil price and impact on Vietnam's economy will be organized in April 2015
NA005	2.4	Continue Year 1 work on the Instant Support System. Once implemented, support for accessing resources, such as the Global Legal Information Network (GLIN).	Oct 2014-March 2015	In progress	The ISS (Instant Support System) is being tested for NA library.
NA018	2.4	Provide training support to new ILS staff on legislative research and analysis.	Apr-June 2015	Preparing	The timeline for the training expected to be after NA session in May 2015.
MPI007	2.4	Continue Year 1 efforts to support MPI's review and implementation of the SBL.	Oct 2014-June 2015	In progress	A revised DTA was approved and the consultants (both international and national) were recruited.
SAV008	2.4	Based on final IT Master Plan, identify area of support and collaborate with IT Center on incorporating enhanced IT systems and procedures. In addition, consult on database and information management.	Oct 2014-March 2015	Preparing	The IT Master Plan was approved and the project is having discussion with the partner on the plan of implementation.
MPI004	2.4	Support review of the USG procurement system and experiences meeting international commitments on government procurement. Activities to include a workshop and relevant skills development. Organize workshops to disseminate information about international commitments related to government procurement.	Jan-June 2015	In progress	Recruited an international consultant and in the process of recruiting a national consultant to study international experiences on application of commitments on public procurement in trade agreements.
MPI002	2.4	Develop Circular or guidelines on implementation of Public Procurement Law (PPL). Support will include (i) review of and development of initial Circular(s); (ii) consultations with PPA on implementation and dissemination; (iii) possible support for additional Circulars. Organize workshops in 3 regions to obtain inputs on LNDs, including review of the PPL.	Oct 2014-Dec 2015	In progress	The Circular on Direct Contracting and Shopping was finalized and submitted to MPI for final approval. A workshop was held in Ninh Binh to solicit comments. GIG provided international comparison to assist in its development. The other circulars will be considered for development.

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2.5. Quality of the media's reporting on policy implementation improved					
NA004	2.5	Conduct a needs assessment, and (based on assessment) draft and initiate an action plan for four areas: (i) improving media relations; (ii) internal capacity development of Department staff; (iii) development of tools (e.g., website); and (iv) NA-wide support (including training of spokespersons).	Jan-Sept 2015	In progress	Report on needs assessment was drafted and sent to the partner for review and comments. Discussing with the Information Department of NA on the implementation of communication strategy and related trainings.
2.6. Innovative partnerships to advance improved accountability of public institutions established					
	2.6	No activity yet			
COMPONENT 3: IMPROVING INCLUSION AND EQUALITY FOR MARGINALIZED GROUPS					
3.1. Legal and regulatory barriers for women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups' equality reduced					
MOJ02 1	3.1	Support development of LNDs to implement provisions of the Law on Family and Marriage concerning vulnerable groups, such as women, people with disabilities, people living with HIV, LGBT, and ethnic minorities.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	A field assessment and technical workshop were conducted in Dien Bien in March 2015.
MOJ02 2	3.1	Provide capacity building to legal aid officers and lawyers-collaborators, related to the Law on Legal Aid and legal aid service provision.	Jan-June 2015	Preparing	Discussing with partner.
MOJ02 8	3.1	Support development of a Prime Ministerial Decision amending and adding to Decision 09/2003/QĐ-TTg (24 Jan 2013) providing law accessibility standards.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	Workshop on citizen's access to legal information and services organized in March 2015. Preliminary revised Decision 09 being drafted and official draft will be finalized and submitted to PM for review and approval by August 2015.
MOJ02 9	3.1	Survey, assess, and propose options for development of local communities to meet law access standards.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	In progress	See above (MOJ028 and MOJ029 were combined).
MOJ03 2	3.1	Develop Guidelines for Gender Mainstreaming in LND drafting, under the new Law on Promulgation of LNDs.	Apr-Sept 2015	Preparing	MOJ032 merged with MOJ014. See below.
MOJ01 4	3.1	Develop a 2015 Action Plan for Gender Equality. Develop Guidelines for Gender Mainstreaming in LND drafting, under the new Law on Promulgation of LNDs.	Oct 2014-Sept 2015	Preparing	MOJ032 merged with MOJ014. DTA was drafted.

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MOJ002	3.1	Gender mainstreaming Feedback Workshop	July-Sept 2014	Completed	Workshop organized in October 2014 and the report on gender mapping was completed.
NA014	3.1	Support a workshop to review LNDs on internal migration and assess the situation of in-migration, particularly of ethnic minorities. Workshop outputs to include recommendations to be incorporated into the draft Law on Population.	Jan-March 2015	Not yet started	Considering for another activity.
NA022	3.1	Integration of gender budgeting principles into the Draft Revised Law on State Budget	Jan-March 2015	Completed	Technical and consultative workshops to obtain input on gender equality mainstreaming into the State Budget Law. Gender equality and gender budgeting issues incorporated in draft revised State Budget Law (articles 8 and 40). This draft law will be submitted for review and debate in NA session in May 2015.
3.2. Women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups' participation and voice in policy dialogue increased					
NA016	3.2	Organize a workshop on the implementation of laws concerning the recruitment, training, and professional development of officers, public employees, and civil servants belonging to ethnic minority groups.	Jan-June 2015	Preparing	Discussions being made with the partner.
NA017	3.2	Provide skills training for NA deputies and deputies of People's Councils from ethnic minorities, to enhance involvement in law-making and mainstream relevant policy issues on behalf of their constituencies.	Jan-Sept 2015	Preparing	See above (NA016 and NA017 are combined).
3.3. Data and analysis on women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups improved					
NA015	3.3	Conduct research and produce a paper on Access to Information for Ethnic Minority Groups. Activities to include field research and workshops, and recommendations to support GVN counterparts and other stakeholders to engage ethnic minority groups through public outreach in Vietnam's governance process, enabling the use of evidence-based research in supporting citizen participation in public policy.	Jan 2014-September 2015	In progress	Completed the recruitment of the consulting company. Activity commenced February 25 2015 to be completed by August 2015. Working group meeting to share the experience on research methodology from NorthNet was convened in GIG office in March 2015.

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VWEC001	3.3	Preparation of VWEC Development Strategy 2020, enhancing VWEC's vision and mission, development of membership and database...	Oct-Dec 2014	Completed	VWEC development strategy was completed.
VWEC002	3.3	Assess and build the communications capacity of VWEC to improve dissemination of information to members and citizens	Oct 2014 - June 2015	In progress	Communication strategy for VWEC was completed. Training on communication skills for VWEC will be conducted in April 2015.
VWEC003	3.3	Strengthening Vietnam Women Entrepreneurs Council capacity in managing members. Support VWEC with the tool to develop, administer and serve its members more effectively, especially in the face of the upcoming free trade agreements.	April-Sept 2015	Preparing	DTA was drafted.
HNEW002	3.3	Policy advocacy forum and the role of women entrepreneurs in policy development.	Oct 2014- June 2015	In progress	A forum on the business management of women entrepreneurs in the context of FTAs for southern region was organized in March 2015. An article on impact of FTAs on tariffs and customs is being drafted for publication. Another forum on the business of women entrepreneurs in the context of FTAs for the central region will be organized in June 2015.
3.4. Access to economic opportunity for women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups improved					
3.5. Innovative partnerships to advance women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups' inclusion established					
		No activity yet			
CROSS CUTTING ACTIVITIES AND AD-HOC ACTIVITIES					
APS002		Grant award (CEPEW)	Apr-June 2015	In progress	CEPEW submitted grant application under APS.
APS003		Grant award (TAF)	TBD	Not yet started	
GIG_10		Build on bill drafting and public communications TA & training for GVN counterparts, to include CSO partners in these key policy advocacy capacities	TBD	Not yet started	
GIG_11		Forum & grants	TBD	Not yet started	

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GIG_1 2		Facilitate and strengthen a coalition advocating for a Law on Access to Information (LAI) in coordination with the People's Participation Working Group (PPWG).	Apr-Sept 2015	In progress	CEPEW submitted grant application under APS.
GIG_1 3		Support improved dissemination of government information and data to stakeholders through improved GVN websites.	TBD	Not yet started	Implement later in the year
GIG_1 4		Advise GVN counterparts on their development of communications strategies targeting ethnic minority groups.	TBD	Not yet started	Research paper to be completed by August 2015 which will inform the activity.
GIG_1 5		Enable SOs to conduct training for journalists in reporting skills to improve transparency of laws and regulations.	June 2015-June 2016	In progress	Commence in the next quarter.
GIG_1 6	3.4	Support VINASME to /contribute to development of Law on SMEs development support and advocate for the enactment of the law that completes a business enabling environment for SMEs. The activity will also support VINASME to undertake the inclusion programs that will ultimately improve SMEs access to finance and build up capacity for the small business segment.	Apr-Sept 2015	Preparing	The DTA was drafted.
GUC10 1	1.6.1	Vietnam Trade Facilitation Alliance (VTFA)	March 2015-April 2016	Preparing	Preparing for the grant award.
GUC30 1	3.4	Strengthen awareness and capacity of local people and relevant agencies in order to ensure women's rights to have their names on Land Use Rights Certificates in Tan Lac and Lac Son districts in Hoa Binh province	Jan-June 2015	In progress	The project planning workshop and training for communicators and authorities were taken.

Annex 4: Indicator Data Summary Table

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
Project Goal: Governance enhanced to facilitate broad-based, sustainable growth						
0.0.1 Ease of Doing Business rank/Distance to Frontier measure	64.42			NA	World Bank	To update on annual basis.
0.0.2 CPIA public sector management and institutions cluster average	3.5			NA	World Bank	To update on annual basis
0.0.3 CPIA policies for social inclusion/equity cluster average	4			NA	World Bank	To update on annual basis
Project Intermediate Result 1: Improved legal and regulatory framework						
1.0.1 Time to export/import (days)	20/20			NA	World Bank	To update on annual basis
1.0.2 Ranking on transparency of Government Policymaking by WEF	110			NA	WEF	To update on annual basis
1.0.3 Percent of TPP required legislative changes and supporting regulations that have been drafted with GIG assistance upon partners' requests	TBD			Counterpart; Regulation type	Project reports; activity reports	To update on annual basis. TPP has not been signed so the target for this indicator will be set later on. The achieved result will be reported when the relevant activities are implemented.
KRA 1.1. High quality laws and regulations developed						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
1.1.1. Number of policies/laws/regulations/procedures drafted, revised, and/or adopted to enhance governance and/or facilitate private sector participation and competitive markets as a result of GIG assistance	10	3	6	Counterpart: 2 (MPI/CIEM), 4 (Customs/MOF) Regulation type: Resolution: 1 Decree: 1 Circular: 4	Relevant regulations; Consultant Reports; Workshop Materials; Post-event Reports; Event Evaluation Reports; Media	<p>- The new Resolution 19/NQ-CP was issued on 12 March 2015 (CIEM003)</p> <p>- Circular on Guiding Request for Proposals on Direct Contracting and Shopping was drafted and expected to be issued in the next quarter (MPI002)</p> <p>- The Decree and 3 circulars on customs, which were drafted last year, were officially issued in this quarter, including Decree 08/2015/NDCP dated 21 January 2015 regulating on the implementation of Customs Law 2014, Circular 38 /2015/TT-BTC dated 25 March 2015 regulating on customs procedures; customs inspection and supervision; customs control; import-export duties and tax management with regards to imports and exports, Circular 14/2015/TT-BTC dated 30 January 2015 providing guidelines for classification of goods and analysis for quality and food safety examination with regard to imports and exports, and Circular 39/2015/TT-BTC dated 25 March 2015 making provisions for customs valuation of imports and exports. (TFA001)</p> <p>Continued to provide inputs to the draft revised State Budget Law, which will be submitted to NA for review and approval in May 2015. (NA007)</p> <p>In addition, a number of regulations were being preliminarily drafted with GIG inputs in this quarter and the official drafts will be issued for further review/approval in the upcoming months (these regulations will be</p>

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
						recorded later in the indicator system), including: (i) Circular on Self Certification of Origin under ASEAN scheme being drafted (MOIT003), (ii) Circular on Management of Unsafe Goods being drafted (MOIT002), (iii) Law on Admin Decisions being drafted and the official full draft will be ready for publishing by May 2015 (MOJ016), and (iv) Law on Local Governments is being drafted with facilitation from GIG (GIG invited French embassy and an NGO to introduce the French model to the NA) (NA019).
KRA 1.2. Improved policy development process						
1.2.1. Number of GIG- assisted activities to enhance policy development process	7	2	4	Counterpart:2 (CIEM/MPI), 1 (MOIT), 1 (MOJ)	Post-activity Reports; Consultants' Reports; Event Materials; Event Evaluation Reports; Media	The development of the new Resolution 19/2015 contributes to directing and coordinating the policies of various ministries and sectors in improving business environment and national competitiveness. A number of sub-activities were conducted, including training on WB business indicators for policy makers, business community and stakeholders, a workshop with VCCI to engage the business community into the regulatory reform, and field visits/in-depth interviews with policy makers, implementers and stakeholders to implement the new Resolution 19. The project inputs and recommendations were significantly incorporated into the new Resolution 19/2015, particularly the contents on trading across borders indicator. The project will continue to collaborate with

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
						<p>and provide the WB team with the list of contributors for the WB DB questionnaires of 2016. (CIEM003).</p> <p>- A training course on international trade and economic analysis was delivered for policy makers/analysts in various government agencies, National Assembly, and Party. This is part of a series of trainings/seminars for policy makers to be conducted (MPI009).</p> <p>- A training course on Rules of Origin under FTAs was delivered for policy makers and implementers to improve the capacity in developing and implementing of policies on rules of origin and origin certification, monitoring and inspection (MOIT014).</p> <p>- A bill drafting skills course was delivered and the bill drafting manual is being developed, which will improve policy/bill drafting skills of policy makers and bill drafting trainers (MOJ031).</p>
KRA 1.3. Improved information systems and evidence-based analysis for policy making						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
1.3.1. Number of evidence-based policy analyses conducted with GIG support	10	2	4	Counterpart: 2 (CIEM/MPI), 2 (MOIT)	Research Reports; Post-activity reports; Relevant regulations and policies	- Preliminary policy analyses providing inputs for development of new Resolution 19/2015 in following indicators: Paying Tax, Trading Across Borders, Getting Credit, Dealing with Construction Permits, Resolving Insolvency, Registering Property, Enforcing Contracts were completed (CIEM003). - An analysis report on Unsafe Goods and Environmental Protection by national consultant was completed (MOIT002). - An analysis report on development of Vietnam's policy regarding self- certification of origin by international consultant was completed (MOIT003). - A report to define procurement terms in article 23 of the Procurement Law to be included in the Circular on Direct Contracting and Shopping was completed (MPI002). Draft RIA reports of some laws were being prepared and will be recorded in the indicator system in the next quarter when finalized: draft RIA report of Law on Access to Information was submitted and expected to be finalized by end of April (MOJ033), RIA report of Law of Admin Decisions is being drafted and will be finalized and submitted by May 2015 (MOJ016), and RIA report for Civil Code is being drafted and will be finalized by May 2015 (MOJ019). In addition, a review of National Law Provisions on Access to Information (mid-term draft) was submitted and an international law review on freedom of information is ongoing (MOJ033).

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
1.3.2. Number of information systems established or substantially upgraded with GIG support	2	0	0	Counterpart	Project reports; activity reports	<p>An Electronic Notification system of TBT is under construction/development and will be completed in 2015 (STAM001).</p> <p>An online national database on administrative procedures and regulations was upgraded by uploading a standardized administrative procedures set and adding new functionalities, which will significantly improve searching capability in administrative procedures and regulations information. The training on the system was delivered to staff in government agencies who will be in charge of content management, and the online system will be officially launched in the next quarter. (MOJ034)</p> <p>The Instant Support System for NA Library was installed, tested, and will be officially launched in May 2015 (NA005.)</p>
KRA 1.4. Increased transparency of laws and regulations						
1.4.1 Number of sections codified and/or systemized conducted with GIG assistance	5	1	0	Counterpart	Project reports; activity reports	Work with MOIT to deploy the codification of sections under MOIT' management areas is ongoing and actual codification of sections will be conducted in the next quarters.
KRA 1.5. Strengthened public consultation and stakeholder engagement mechanisms in policy development						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
1.5.1. Number of GIG-supported public consultation events to improve Vietnam's legal and regulatory framework	20	4	3	Counterpart: 2 (MOJ), 1 (STAM/ MOST)	Event materials; Post-event reports; Event evaluation reports; Media	Series of workshops and field trips for public consultation on Law on Administrative Decisions in Phu Tho, Da Nang. (MOJ016) Series of consultative workshops with different groups e.g. businesses, academia, legal experts, and on different sections of the draft revised Civil Code in Hanoi and HCMC. (MOJ019) Consultation workshop for development of features of Electronic Notification System for TBT (Technical Barriers to Trade) in Hanoi. (STAM001)
Project Intermediate Result 2: Improved accountability of public institutions						
2.0.1. Open Budget Index score	19			NA	International Budget Partnership	To update on annual basis.
2.0.2. Median scores of transparency indicator in PCI	5.86			Province	PCI	To update on annual basis
KRA 2.1. Strengthened government oversight processes						
2.1.1. Number of activities to support executive oversight process receiving GIG assistance	2	0	0	Counterpart	Event materials; Post-activity report; Event evaluation report; Media	The Needs Assessment of Oversight Department staff was completed, and the training will be delivered based on the results of this needs assessment in May 2015. (NA006).
2.1.2. Number of training sessions on audits for staff from relevant GIG partners	2	0	0	Counterpart	Project reports; training reports	To implement in Quarter 3
KRA 2.2. Strengthened citizen participation in monitoring and evaluating policy implementation						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
2.2.1. Number of GIG-supported activities designed to promote or strengthen the participation of citizens in monitoring and evaluating policy implementation	2	0	1	Counterpart: 1 (MOJ)	Event materials; Consultant Reports; Post-activity reports; Event evaluation reports; Media	Consultation workshop on Law on Access to Information organized in Danang, together with on-going law reviews, will contribute to promoting the participation of citizens in monitoring and evaluating policy implementation (MOJ033).
KRA 2.3. Increased transparency on policy implementation effectiveness						
2.3.1. Number of GIG-supported activities designed to strengthen the budget process	4	1	1	Counterpart: 1 (NA)	Post-activity reports; Event materials; Event evaluation reports; Consultant reports	Field trip, dialogues and technical meetings to review, revise and finalize the draft revised State Budget Law were conducted in HCMC and Vinh Phuc, and a report on law harmonization is being drafted and expected to be completed by end of April, all of these sub-activities help strengthen the budget process (NA007).
2.3.2. Number of GIG-supported activities to increase transparency on policy implementation in Vietnam	4	1	2	Counterpart: 2 (NA)	Project reports; Activity reports; Event evaluation reports; Event materials; Consultant reports	Law forum on improving local government organizations rules per new Constitution organized in Quang Ninh. Legislators discussed international models and best practices and CSOs' inputs to improve transparency in development and implementation of the Law on Local Governments (NA019). Consultation workshop on draft Law on Laws in Hanoi gave CSOs chance to recommend transparency improvements and oversight of laws and regulations (NA019).
KRA 2.4. Improved quality of information and analysis for evaluating policy implementation effectiveness						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
2.4.1. Number of policy implementation assessments conducted with GIG support	2	0	0	Counterpart/ partner	Project reports; Activity reports; Consultant reports	The report on TPP impact is being processed and expected to be completed in Quarter 3. (MOF002).
KRA 2.5. Improved quality of the media's reporting on policy implementation						
2.5.1. Number of training days on journalism and media relations skills with GIG assistance, measured by person-days of training.	150	50	0	Counterpart	Post-activity reports; Event materials; Event evaluation report; Attendance lists	Delay until next quarter at the request of local partner.
Project Intermediate Result 3: Improved inclusion						
KRA 3.1. Legal and regulatory barriers for women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups' equality reduced						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
3.1.1. Number of laws, policies or procedures drafted, revised and/or issued to support inclusion of vulnerable population.	3	0	2	Counterpart: 1 (NA), 1 (MOJ) Regulation type: 2 (Law)	Consultant Reports; Relevant draft revised laws; Post-activity reports	<p>Incorporated gender equality and gender budgeting issues into draft revised State Budget Law (articles 8 and 40). Draft Law will be submitted for review and debate in NA session in May 2015 (NA022).</p> <p>Law on Access to Information is being drafted, integrating comments from CSOs on equal access to information of the disabled and other vulnerable groups, and the official draft will be published for public consultation in April 2015 (MOJ033).</p> <p>Project contributed to draft revised Law on Laws (NA009) and Civil Code (MOJ019). The recent revised draft Law on Laws added "other organizations" in an article on public consultation, so CSOs and other organizations can provide opinions (previously only VCCI and Vietnam Fatherland Front were mentioned). The draft LOL will be submitted to NA for review in May 2015. The draft revised Civil Code has collected many public comments and the full official draft will be submitted to NA for review and debate in May 2015.</p> <p>Preliminary version of the revised Decision 09 on community legal access standards is being drafted; official draft will be finalized and submitted to PM for review and approval by August 2015 (MOJ028).</p>
KRA 3.2. Women, ethnic, minorities, and other vulnerable groups' participation and voice increased in policy dialogues						

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
3.2.1. Number of USG assisted civil society organizations that participate in legislative proceedings and/or engage in advocacy with national legislature and its committees.	10	2	6	Counterpart: 2 (NA), 3 (MOJ)	Presentations of CSO; Post-event reports; Relevant draft revised laws; Attendance lists	<p>CSOs continued to engage in advocacy activities during the revision of some laws in this quarter, e.g. CISDOMA, CEPEW, iSEE, CECM, LERES, IPL, RECERD. Many other CSOs participated in activities and/or attended events for public consultation on draft revised laws supported by GIG, including: MSD (Research Center for Management and Sustainable Development), CSDP (Center for Sustainable Development Policy Studies, DRD (Disability Research and Capacity Development), LIN (LIN Center for Community Development), ICS (LGBT Rights Protection and Protection Organization) and CCRD (Center for Rural Communities Research and Development).</p> <p>The following CSOs participating in GIG's events for public consultation in draft revised laws and other events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law on Admin Decisions (MOJ016): Association of Handicapped People, CSRD (Center for Social Research and Development), SME Association (of Danang and Quang Tri provinces), Women's Union of Danang, Bar Associations of some provinces. - Revised State Budget Law (NA022): Center for Financial Resource Development Support, GPAR (Group for Governance and Public Administration Reform), Center for Gender Studies, Institute of Family and Gender Studies, Center for Family Support and Community Development (CFSCD), CDI (Center for Development and Integration), Association of Protection of Children Rights.

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seminar on Participation of Social Organizations in Legislative Process of the National Assembly (NA011): VIJUSAP (Vietnam Judicial Support Association for the Poor), MSD (Research Center for Management and Sustainable Development), RTCCD (Research and Training Centre for Community Development), Northwest cooperation Development center (NWD), Sustainable Rural Development (SRD), Center for Sustainable Development Policy Studies (CSDP). - Revised Civil Code (MOJ019): LIN (Center for Community Development), DRD (Disability research and capacity development), ICS (LGBT Rights Protection Center), CODES (Center for Community Development and Social Work), SDRC (Research Center - Counseling Social Work & Community Development). - Other events: CRWG (Child rights working group), CECODES (Center for Community Support Development Studies), CDF (Cooperation and Development Foundation), PPWG (People Participants Working Group), PLD (Institute for Research on Policy, Law and Development).

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
3.2.2. Number of GIG-supported events designed to promote the target groups' participation and voice in policy dialogues	7	2	2	Counterpart: 1 (MOJ), 1 (NA)	Post-event reports; Consultant reports; Event materials; Event evaluation reports; Media	Field trip and seminar to discuss application of customs and traditions in solving marriage and family issues among Ethnic Minorities with participants from North West provinces were organized in Dien Bien (MOJ021). Seminar on Participation of Social Organizations in Legislative Process of the National Assembly was organized in Vinh Phuc (NA011).
KRA 3.3. Improved data and analysis on gender, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups' equality						
3.3.1. Number of policy research initiatives conducted on gender, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups with GIG assistance that use data and analysis to support the policy proposals	3	1	1	Counterpart: 1 (NA), 1 (MOJ)	Project reports; activity reports; Policy research reports	Policy paper on rights-based approach and gender issues in the draft revised State Budget Law finalized and submitted to NA Standing Committee and NA Committee for Financial and Budgetary Affairs (NA022). In addition, the mapping of social feedback mechanism is being drafted, the first action research workshop will be organized in April and mapping is expected to be finalized in August 2015 (NA011). A gender impact analysis report in the Law of Admin Decisions is being drafted and will be finalized and submitted to Drafting Committee by May 2015 (MOJ016). Research will be recorded when finalized.

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
3.3.2. Number of GIG-assisted activities to promote women's leadership and entrepreneurship and empower GIG's target groups	3	1	2	Counterpart/ partner: 1 (VWEC), 1 (HNEW)	Event materials; Post activity reports; Event evaluation reports; Media	VWEC development and communication Strategies completed (VWEC002). Workshop on Business Leadership and Management in the context of FTAs/TPP was organized in HCMC (HNEW002).
KRA 3.4. Improved access to economic opportunity for women, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups						
3.4.1. Number of GIG-supported activities designed to increase access by target groups to productive economic resources (assets, credit, income or employment) and legal facilities	4	1	1	Counterpart/partner: CCRD	Project reports; Activity reports; Partner reports	Series of activities to strengthen awareness and capacity of local people and relevant agencies in order to ensure women's rights to have their names on Land Use Rights Certificates in Tan Lac and Lac Son districts in Hoa Binh province, under a grant (GUC301). Workshop on citizens' access to legal information and services was organized in Hanoi, which will be followed by field assessment in 3 provinces in the next quarter. Next, a proposal will be submitted to PM on recommendations for changes of Decision 09 on community legal access standards around August 2015. This will be recorded later in the indicator system. (MOJ028).
Cross-cutting output indicators						
C.0.1. Number of public-private partnerships formed and/or strengthened as a result of GIG assistance	5	1	0	Project objective Counterpart	Project reports	Made initial preparations to support VCCI to form a public private partnership on regulatory reform, starting with a workshop on "Enhancing competitiveness - partnering with business on regulatory reforms" in Hanoi in March 2015.

Indicator	Year 2 Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Disaggregation	Data Source/ Collection method	Notes Q2
C.0.2. Person hours completed in capacity building events supported by GIG	30,000	7000	20,558	Counterpart: MOJ, MPI, NA, MOIT, VWEC, HNEW, STAM Type of event: Workshop, Seminar, Forum, Dialogue, Roundtable, Training	Post- event reports; Event evaluation reports; Event materials; Participant lists	A total of 28 events (workshops, forums, seminars, roundtables, trainings) were organized during Jan-March 2015 for a total of 1,812 participants, resulting in 20,558 person hours.
C.0.3. Number of vulnerable people reached by USAID-supported programs that promote health, social and economic opportunities	1600	400	54	Counterpart: MOJ	Project reports; Activity reports; Participant lists	Vulnerable people reached include: ethnic minorities, disabled, LGBT and people with autism. It is expected that a large number of vulnerable persons will be reached by GIG programs in the next quarters, e.g. through the land rights campaign for women implemented by CCRD.